

SWITCHMEN REJECT  
TERMS PROPOSED  
BY RAILWAY  
MANAGERS

They Submit Counter Proposition Offering to Arbitrate.

TO MEET AGAIN TODAY

Strikers Insist on Separate Negotiations for Twin City Roads.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 23.—At a conference today in the office of Governor Elmer, attended by representatives of the Railway Council of the American Federation of Labor, and of all Twin City lines affected by the switchmen's strike, a proposition was made, both by the railroad and by the switchmen, for a settlement of the strike.

No agreement was reached and it was agreed to meet again tomorrow morning.

The conference was attended by Governor Elmer, by his attorney, Ralph W. Wheeler, by members of the State Railroad Commission and by State Labor Commissioner McKee.

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EIGHT MEN DEAD;  
400 ENDANGERED  
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IN MINE

Another Illinois Shaft Is the Scene of Disaster But Most Are Saved.

PROMPT AT RESCUE

Terrified Families of Workers Soon Reassured at Pit's Mouth.

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Aged Woman Escapes  
Death Under Trolley  
By Sitting on Fender

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—Escaping to save her ground to death under the wheels of a trolley on Grand avenue today, hundreds of Christmas shoppers stood horrified while aged Mrs. J. J. Laberson sat down on the fender of the car which had borne down upon her and rode to the end of the block as placidly as if she had been sitting in a rocking chair with her knitting.

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ALBERT IS CROWNED  
KING WITH BURST  
OF POPULAR  
APPROVAL

With Queen Elizabeth and Two Princes, He Enters Brussels.

PROMISES A FUTURE FULL OF SERVICE FOR HIS LOVED COUNTRY.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 23.—Prince Albert, son of the late Prince Philippe, Count of Flanders, was crowned King of the Belgians today, assuming the title of Albert I. With his queen, Elizabeth, and their sons, Princes Leopold and Charles, the new king rode in state from Laeken to the parliament, accompanied by thousands along the gaily decorated streets.

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BRYAN TAKEN ILL  
AT COUSIN'S HOME  
IN JACKSONVILLE

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 23.—William J. Bryan, who has been in this city for several days as the guest of his cousin, William S. Jennings, was too ill tonight to deliver his scheduled address at the local union for the benefit of the hospital. He is suffering from a severe cold and is threatened with pneumonia.

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May Seek Refuge on the Mexican Gunboat Guerrero

UNITED STATES WOULD CONSIDER THIS AN "UNFRIENDLY" ACTION.

MANAGUA, Dec. 23.—President Zelaya will leave here tomorrow and probably will go aboard the Mexican gunboat General Guerrero immediately. The gunboat is now lying in the harbor of Corinto.

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"DIXIE" PREMIER  
AMERICAN SONG

Official Library Issues Report Upon Patriotic Aims of United States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—"Dixie" has finally been officially proclaimed as first in American songs and music in "patriotic popularity."

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YOUTH FABRICATED  
KIDNAPING STORY

Pasadena Boy Admits Shooting Himself in Leg and Running Away.

PASADENA, Dec. 23.—Carlos Wright, the Pasadena youth who disappeared mysteriously two weeks ago and returned after a trip to San Francisco with two pistol wounds in his leg early this week and told a weird tale of having been kidnaped by two men, admitted tonight that his story was a fabrication.

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WATSON INSISTS POET  
BROTHER IS INSANE

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KERMIT ROOSEVELT  
EXCELS HIS FATHER

Secures Fine Specimen of Game the Colonel Has Not Seen.

KANAMUA, Hawaii, Dec. 23.—Kermit Roosevelt has secured a fine specimen of the male satomua, Colonel Roosevelt has not sighted this rare game.

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UNITED STATES OBJECTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—It is intimated that the State Department does not view with favor the idea that President Zelaya may go aboard the Mexican gunboat Guerrero. While there are no official assurances directly upon that particular point, it is generally understood that the United States would take proper steps to prevent such an act.

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NEGRO JANITOR  
SAVES MANY LIVES

Explosion in Five-Story Office Building Causes Loss of \$300,000.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 23.—The heroic work of J. Washington Johnson, a negro janitor, saved the lives of a score of persons in the Bialto building, a five-story office structure in this city, which was destroyed by fire early today, which was caused by a gas explosion. The loss is \$300,000.

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"PENILESS" WOMAN  
POSSESSED \$5,000

Was Supposed to Have Lost All Her Money in Bank Failure.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 23.—In the trunk of Miss Margaret Sullivan, who died recently after having worked in a hotel for twenty-seven years, more than \$5,000 was found today. The woman was thought to be penniless. She was 65 years of age.

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SUPPOSED AEROPLANE  
MAY BE FIRE BALLOON

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 23.—That the light which moved over the city last night and which many thought was a search light attached to an aeroplane was made by a fire balloon is the belief of numerous citizens.

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him personally responsible for the safety of Americans in the western part of Nicaragua, the State Department tonight extended more than moral encouragement to the revolutionists. Under orders from Secretary Knox, American Red Cross funds are being expended in caring for the sick and wounded of both armies, more than 1000 of whom are incapacitated in Bluefields.

This move on the part of the United States is expected to be more efficacious than a strong force.

"Bread, instead of bullets," is the watchword of the State Department, and it is generally believed that the prospects of food and medical attention will win over more men from the government ranks than any other plan that could be adopted.

**CARING FOR SICK.**

According to latest reports the medical corps of the war vessels now at Bluefields have installed hospitals where scores are being cared for. The procession of sick and wounded men through the town is said to be pitiful, and, although Estrada is said to be doing his best to relieve the suffering, his resources are meager. To relieve the situation, Secretary Knox tonight consulted with the American Red Cross and immediately afterwards dispatched the following dispatch to Thomas H. Moffatt, United States consul at Bluefields:

"The American National Red Cross will telegraph you tomorrow \$5000 and will send another \$5000 if needed. National Red Cross has instructed Captain Shipley to land whatever surplus supplies can be furnished from our ships now at Bluefields and orders will be given the Pacific, now at Colon, to transport immediately to Bluefields the stores intended for the marines, or from the Panama canal commissary department, such supplies as you may ask for within the limit of \$5000 to be cabled you tomorrow. You will co-operate with Shipley in the distribution of supplies, payment for all of which, both those landed from ships at Bluefields and those sent from Colon, will be recouped from Red Cross funds."

**TWO THOUSAND STARVED.**

The dispatch of this telegram fol-

lowed close on the receipt of a report from Consul Moffatt depicting the state of affairs in Bluefields and the story of the suffering of the defeated Zelayan soldiers was brief but graphic. Incidentally, he reported that more than 800 were killed on both sides in the recent battle of Rama.

The dispatch followed:

"Two thousand starved, emaciated prisoners have been brought here from Zelaya's surrendered army. The sight of the sick and weary, suffering through the streets is horrible. Half are mere boys. The emergency hospital established by the Dea Moines and Tacoma contains ninety wounded, the city hospital sixty. Few of the surrendered army have been fed, and are in a pitiable condition. Estrada is furnishing them with blankets, clothing, shoes and food as best he can. Flour, beans, rice, sugar, coffee and condensed milk are needed instantly to feed the starving Zelayan soldiers. Disease and death threaten unless they are given promptly the best of food and care.

"The great and sudden demand for clothing and food for the suffering is a problem for the provisional government, whose resources are exhausted. Their own men, numbering 3000, are well fed and clothed, but they cannot afford means whereby to care for their increased burden.

**NEED OF SUCCESS.**

"I have discussed the seriousness of the situation fully with Captain Shipley of the Dea Moines, and he has suggested that they should be sent immediately to Colon to bring here sufficient quantities of provisions to maintain them for 2000 men for thirty days. Present situation threatens starvation and disease. It is estimated now that more than 900 were killed on both sides."

Orders were issued tonight to the Pacific to be in readiness to sail at once from Colon with supplies for landing marines, although it is expected that a small guard may be utilized to mount watch over the American hospitals. This will not be done, however, unless the American navy commanders on the scene believe it necessary to preserve discipline here, to guard the hospitals and to safeguard the distribution of food and supplies when they come.

The Medical Director left this morning for Colon.

**PRIZE FOR KNOX.**

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—Passenger ship *Albatross* left for the Dictator from Bluefields said that Secretary Knox is expected on all sides to reward the people of Bluefields, with characteristic fervor, declare that they will raise a monument as a tribute to his statesmanship.

Passengers expressed little surprise when told of General Estrada's victory. They say that supreme confidence prevailed when they left Bluefields that Vazquez would be vanquished speedily, and that Estrada would at once begin a march on Managua. It is reported that the insurance forces are abundantly equipped with arms, ammunition and supplies.

Hardly a day passed, the Dictator's passengers said, that deserters from Vazquez's army did not come over to the forces of Estrada. All told of bad treatment, lack of food and poor organization among the government troops, nearly all of whom, it is said, were conscripts.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Secretary Knox gave formal notice to President Madriz of Nicaragua that the United States government will hold him strictly accountable for the safety of American citizens in the western section of that country.

His instructions to this effect were sent to the United States Consul at Managua with directions to inform the Managuan authorities immediately of the attitude of this government.

The consul also was directed to report what basis there was for apprehension of trouble on the part of American residents in that part of the country.

Can't look well, eat well or feel well with impure blood feeding your body. Keep the blood pure with Dr. Thomas' Blood Purifier. Eat simply, take exercise, keep clean and you will have long life.

Hives, eczema, itch or salt rheum sets you crazy. Can't leave the touch of your clothing. Don't Ointment cures the most obstinate cases. Why suffer. All druggists sell it.

Don't use harsh physics. The reaction weakens the bowels, leads to chronic constipation. Get Dr. Thomas' Regulator. They operate easily, tone the stomach, cure constipation.

"My child was burned terribly about the face, neck and chest. I applied Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. The pain ceased and the child sank into a restful sleep."—Mrs. Nancy M. Hanson, Hamburg, N. Y.

## NOW IS THE TIME

To save money on wall paper. To make room for 1811 papers, we will sell the remainder of our 1939 stock at the following prices:

25c paper	20c
35c paper	25c
50c paper	35c
75c paper	50c
1.00 paper	75c
1.25 paper	1.00
1.50 paper	1.25

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try, especially at Granada.

A telegram was received at the State Department today from Admiral Kimball in command of the United States war vessels now in Corinto harbor saying that the commandant of the port of Corinto has made a call on the admiral on board his flagship, but that the commandant was not saluted.

Admiral Kimball also noted the arrival in that harbor of the Mexican gunboat Gen. Goyeneche. The State Department is in a quandary as to what has become of the 1,000 men belonging to the government forces, which at last accounts, was in possession of Greytown. This section of the army was, until recently, commanded by General Toledo, who recently was reported as having arrived at Managua.

The report received yesterday from Commander Shipley of the Dea Moines at Bluefields said that the defeat and surrender of the Zelayan forces at Rama disposed of virtually all armed resistance to Estrada on the east coast.

Whether the Greytown contingent had previously joined the Zelayan forces at Rama is in doubt. If not, it is assumed that another battle near Greytown may be expected before Estrada's army takes up its march for Managua.

**NATIONAL CURRENCY MEASURES PLANNED**

**Funds Are Running Low and Bonds May Be Issued.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Preliminary action, looking to the consideration of Secretary MacVeagh's recommendations for a graduated tax on national bank circulation secured by deposits of U. S. bonds, has been taken by the banking and currency committee.

At the request of Chairman Vreeland, Secretary MacVeagh has prepared amendments necessary in event that the committee decides to act favorably. The amendments contemplate making the 2 per cent bond authorized by the Payne law law for expenses of canal construction payable in gold coin and giving authorization for the appropriation incident to the issue of any bonds.

It was the consideration of these amendments was a general discussion of the issue of the Panama bonds that occupied the conference at the White House yesterday between President Taft, Secretary MacVeagh and Senator Aldrich. Nothing final was determined, and there is said to be over the financial situation, not, however, as affected by the business condition of the country, and to determine just where the treasury stood at this time.

**LOSSES IN BALANCE.**

With the closing of the year the working balance has been decreasing, although today's statement shows a material improvement over yesterday's receipts of all kinds, amounting to \$1,529,903, swelling it to \$24,355,313.

Secretary MacVeagh does not view with serious concern the recent losses in the balance and is not disposed to issue interest-bearing obligations unless the balance reaches a low point.

Secretary MacVeagh can handle the Panama canal bonds, should he feel disposed to do so, and also he can put out 3 per cent interest-bearing certificates to meet pressing obligations of the government.

It is not considered probable that he will take the former course before Congress acts on his recommendation for a graduated tax on bank circulation.

He is opposed to doing so, for, as he pointed out in his annual report, the bonds, if issued at 3 per cent, would have a much better circulation privilege than the outstanding 2 per cent which makes an issue of certificates unlikely unless imperative necessity arises.

The Payne law prescribed that Panama canal bonds should be issued under its provisions should be at not exceeding 2 per cent. This leaves some leeway in determining the character of new issues, the secretary of the treasury having power to sell 2-1/2 per cent, a proposition which it is thought might be considered with some favor if they were marketable at a satisfactory figure.

**PITTSBURG MAYOR DIES.**

PITTSBURG, Kan., Dec. 23.—Morris Cleggitt, mayor of Pittsburg, died today. He was United States district attorney during the second Cleveland administration and was a classmate of William J. Bryan.

**I LOVE TO WALK BUT OH! MY CORNS!**

**KEENE'S GLAD-PHEET**

Cure, relief and callous

**OUR GUARANTEE!** If there is any trace of corn, callous or shoe-fitting trouble on your feet after a trial of Keene's Glad-Pheet Remedy, just return the money-back coupon (attached to package) and your money will be returned immediately!

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For this, the last day of Christmas shopping, we offer you almost an unbroken line of Holiday selections. Our assortments have never been so varied, our stocks never so large as this Christmas season. Trade here in confidence, where you can rely upon getting the biggest value for your dollar, where you are offered only dependable merchandise.

## Presents for Him

Neckties  
Silk Mufflers  
Smoking Jacket  
Bath Robe  
Handkerchiefs  
Suspenders  
Gloves  
Umbrellas  
Cuff Buttons  
Shirts  
Pajamas  
Night Shirts  
Books

## Presents for Her

Kid Gloves  
Handkerchiefs  
Merchandise Order  
Umbrellas  
Scarves  
Neckwear  
Fur Set  
Silk Petticoat  
Silk Waists  
Sweater Jacket  
Crochet Slippers

## Gottschalk's

If In Doubt Get a Merchandise or Glove Order



## Christmas Jewelry--Right Prices

### Jet Goods

Beautiful line of glistening jet ornaments, combs, barrettes, brooches, etc.

Neck Chains... 50c to \$5

Barrettes ..... 75c to \$3

Brooches ..... 35c to \$5

Bracelets ..... 1.50 to \$3

Earrings ..... \$1 to 2.50

Hair Pins ..... 25c to \$1

Belt Pins ..... 75c to \$5

And many other odd assortments—"too numerous to mention."

### HAT PINS

Largest assortment of fancy hat pins—extra long stems—settings of amethyst, coral and French rhinestones.

Prices are ..... 75c to \$5

**Sterling Silver**

Silver brushes, files, cuticle knives, buffers, and complete manicure sets, toilet sets and silver mounted military brushes, at prices that are much lower than exclusive jewelers.

**Sterling Silver Spoons, tea and chocolate size, county and state "Souvenir" designs, 50c to 2.25.**

### Silverware

"Quadruple Plate" (will wear a lifetime) collar button boxes, 50c and 65c; shaving mirrors, 3.50 to 12.50; bread trays, cake plates, candleholders, smokers' sets, butter dishes, tea sets, etc., etc. Our prices save you money.

### Miscellaneous

Mesh Purses—Gold, silver and gun metal at prices ranging from ..... 7.50 to 12.00

Back Combs—plain, 25c to \$2. Carved, 25c to \$5. Set with rhinestones or jet, \$1 to \$15

Christmas Candies

We cut the price on candies without cutting down the quality. Our candies at whatever price are pure and wholesome. The superiors to our best hand made chocolates and French creams are not made.

Broken Taffies, different flavors ..... 12 1-2c

Broken Taffies, mixed flavors ..... 12 1-2c

Christmas Sugar Mixed Candies ..... 10c

Fancy Christmas Mixed, 10c

Old Fashioned Gum Drops ..... 10c

Large Duchess Gum Drops ..... 15c

Creamed Dates, per lb. 15c

Cream Covered Dates, per lb. 15c

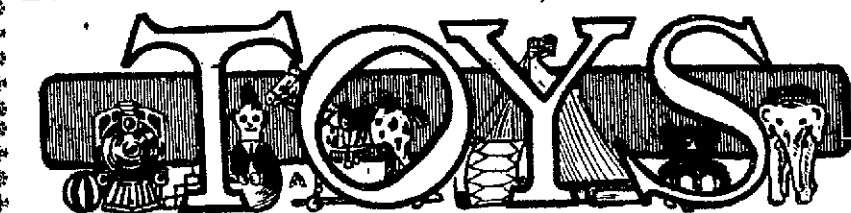
Plain Chocolates, per lb. 20c

Fancy Mixed Chocolates, 25c

Finest Hand Made Chocolate Creams and French Bonbons ..... 50c

Townsend's California Fruit Candies, put up in 1, 2, 3 and 5 lb. fancy etched boxes, 75c lb.

A fine selection of Holly and fancy Xmas boxes—packed as desired to order.



## Out-Door Playthings

Soldier Sets, (cap, breast-plate and sword) only... 50c

U. S. Mail Sets, 1.50 Police ..... 50c and 75c

Indian Suits, blouse and trousers, fringe trimmed—very warlike feather head-dress ..... 2.39

Swords and Belts, 25c, Swords in scabbard, 25c.

Daisy Pop Gun, 35c, Air Rifles, 50c to 1.69.

Garden Sets, rake, hoe and shovel, per set, 15c, 35c, 45c.

Iron Wagons, 1.10, 1.35, \$2, 2.25, 2.50, 4.50.

Automobiles, 4.50, 5.50, 6.00.

Automobiles (rubber tires), \$7, \$7.50, \$9.50, \$12, \$13.50.

Velocipedes, \$2, \$2.35, \$2.75, \$3.75, \$4.25.

Wheelbarrows, 45c, 65c, \$1.

Velocipedes (rubber tires), 4.25 to 12.50.

Wooden Carts, 15c, 25c, 45c.

Winding Autos, \$1.25 and \$1.50

You may present a lady a glove or merchandise order. She may prefer to make her own selection.

STORE OPEN TONIGHT.

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## FORCE OF 75,000 IS NEEDED FOR NAVY

Figures Are Issued By the Bureau of Navigation on Subject.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—To man the entire American fleet in time of war would require 3890 officers and 72,281 men, and in time of peace 2852 officers and 60,902 men, according to Captain N. R. Cather, assistant to the chief of the bureau of navigation, in a statement made public today. These figures do not include officers and men at shore stations.

Four new battleships are to be commissioned, as well as fifteen new torpedo boat destroyers and seven submarines. It is anticipated that the Ohio, Wisconsin and Missouri will go temporarily out of commission and that the Denver and three other of her class will be replaced by the new Orleans, Cincinnati and Raleigh, which are practically of the same class.

Replying to a suggestion that the navy will put into commission vessels that will require five thousand blue jackets and 40,000 men, Captain Cather says:

"The number required is to keep the fleet in its present strength of sixteen battleships and not to diminish immediately the strength of the fleet on the coast, which consists of eight armored cruisers with crews practically the same or a little larger than the battleships. The vessels put in reserve are required to have one-fourth of the regular crew."

## FILING CABINETS AND SUPPLIES

Solid and Sectional Typewriter & Eddy Manufacturing Company filing cabinets, index systems, guides, index, transfer cases, folders and supplies of all kinds at the Fresno Republican Job Printing Department. Phone Main 220.

## CHRISTMAS ORANGES CHEAP.

Seventy-five cents per box at Esmeralda vineyard, first street, one-half mile north of Arlington Heights. Bring box or sack.

Dr. Sarah Pugh, Osteopathic Physician, 144 Fourth Bldg. Main 418.

## CALIFORNIA FRUIT COMPANY NON-SUITED

Had Not Complied With the Corporation Laws of Illinois.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Foreign corporations which have not complied with the Illinois law requiring the filing of a certificate of incorporation with the Secretary of State, together with the location of their places of business, and correct answers to all questions asked by the Secretary of State, are not entitled to ask for relief in the state courts, according to a decision announced by the appellate court here today. The ruling was given in three cases.

## LESLIE HARRIS NOT DRUG STORE BANDIT

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—The local police today received from San Francisco a description of the drug store bandit for comparison with the physical characteristics of Leslie Harris, the local attorney, who is being held here charged with a robbery in a haberdashery.

The description, in the belief of the detectives, does away with the idea that the local man might be the San Francisco bandit, although it is known that Harris was in San Francisco at the time the crimes there were committed. Harris is a much larger man than the description received from San Francisco represents the bandit to be. Harris has been unable to secure bonds in the sum of \$2000, and is still in the city jail.

## WANT MORE AEROPLANES.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The government today asked for an immediate supplementary order of \$4,000,000 to be used for the purchase of aeroplanes for the army. The machines will be used for scouting purposes.

See Holiday Store for facts, etc., 1015 J street.

## Rugs! Rugs!

Just arrived a fine line of Axminster, Brussels and Ingrain Rugs. They are 9x12 size, in bright cheerful colors and new designs. Will make your dining room or living room have a finished look.

### PRICES

Axminster - - - \$27.50

Brussels - - - \$15 to \$18.50

Ingrain - - - \$5 up

## SOLID OAK MISSION ROCKER

Finished in weathered oak, imitation leather seat, regular

\$7.50, now ..... \$5.00

Also made with loose imitation Spanish leather seat, regular

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# News of Central California Towns

## EAGLES MAKE MERRY AT MADERA BANQUET

Many Christmas Exercises;  
Minor Matters in Lower  
Courts.

MADERA, Dec. 23.—The local Aerle of Eagles held a similar and banquet last night which was largely attended and proved a very enjoyable affair. The Eagles and their friends made merry until a late hour. There were many visiting Eagles and several amusing stunts were pulled off. The banquet was an excellent affair and the "birds" had a very sociable and enjoyable time.

Christmas exercises will be held at all the local churches tomorrow night. At each church will be a "tree" and a program of recitations and songs. Santa Claus will pay his annual visit and distribute presents to the happy little ones.

A Talk who recently got a suspended sentence of thirty days, will spend Christmas behind the bars. He celebrated yesterday and was thrown in the "cook." His "meal ticket" was sent over by Judge Barrett this morning.

John Pessio, a 14-year-old boy, was arrested last night in a box car and taken before Judge Barrett on a charge of vagrancy. He was held over for the juvenile court.

Joe O'Brien paid a \$5 fine this morning for breaking the "wobbly ordinance."

During the absence of Judge Barrett to Los Angeles eight judges who were gathered in this morning were allowed to go out and hunt for Santa Claus.

The football game that was announced for New Year's day has been called off as the local team could not get into condition.

A daughter was born to the wife of Harry Fraser yesterday.

Captain H. D. Ross is here from Los Angeles visiting friends.

The case of Ryan vs. Murphy, which has been going on in Judge Conley's court, is proceeding slowly today.

Most of the business houses in town will be closed from Friday night until Monday morning.

**REDWOOD GRAPE STAKES.**  
Redwood Tanks for wine and water.  
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## Folger's Golden Gate Coffee

Just Coffee, but perfect Coffee.  
Your grocer will grind it—better if ground at home—not too fine.

## ONCE YOU USE GAS

You'll wonder how you kept house so many years without it. There's always a need of a gas range in the kitchen—it meets lots of demands and gives more time for rest and recreation.

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## KINGSBURG PASTORS OPPOSE CITY COUNCIL

Order of Board Prohibits  
Holding Xmas Exercises.

KINGSBURG, Dec. 23.—Because of a published article to the effect that the quarantine but against all public gatherings by the city council last Friday was to be raised today, a special session of the council was held last night to look into the question. When the meeting was called for last Friday a resolution was adopted, every trustee voting for it, putting on the quarantine for two weeks and instructing the health department that after the two weeks had expired the quarantine might be raised, or continued for a longer time if action seemed necessary. The quarantine was put on because of the appearance of a case of diphtheria in the city, there being also a number of cases just outside the city limits.

Several people, principally church members, felt very much put out by reason of this order preventing them from holding the customary Christmas services. At the meeting last night, Rev. G. E. Kallander of the Swedish M. E. church, and Rev. Oscar Ostrom of the Lutheran church, appeared before the board, pleading that the quarantine be removed in order that they might hold their church services, peculiar to their churches during Christmas week. Mayor Nelson, who is a member of Mr. Kallander's church, was at first much inclined to yield to the request of his pastor, but in view of the resolution adopted last week felt that he had to stay with his original vote. Consequently, the order stands and it went out at first, and the quarantine will be over the city until the last day of the year.

No new cases of diphtheria have developed, and the general belief is that no more will be heard of. The danger of an epidemic was averted by this as the first case was discovered. The people of the community generally are with the council for its action. It is certain that if the quarantine had not been put on, there would have been a greater storm of protest.

An immense crowd was at the meeting last night, and the debate, which at certain points was "red hot," caused considerable excitement. Revs. Ostrom and Kallander argued most strongly for the raising of the quarantine, while Rev. E. H. Lindquist of the Free Mission church, and Rev. A. W. Backlund of the Baptist church, were willing to abide by the action of the council, and were inclined to the belief that the proper thing to keep the quarantine on for the full two weeks.

Several other citizens spoke on the question, and all but the two first named pastors were in favor of maintaining the quarantine.

Mr. W. Savage, the city health officer, is without power in the matter of keeping or raising the quarantine until after January 1st, because the resolution adopted by the council took him hands off at that time after which he is to use his own judgment.

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## REPORTED SMALLPOX IN TOWN OF OROSI

House Is Promptly Quarantined and School Is Dismissed.

OROSI, Dec. 23.—Word was received in this city this afternoon to the effect that Orosi to the east of here, is effected by a reported case of smallpox. The disease, if such it is at all, was discovered at the Sanders home, where Mr. Sanders was taken suddenly ill with a child and peculiar symptoms said to be like smallpox. The house was at once quarantined and word was sent to the public schools and those immediately surrounding the house to keep away from the place. The school was closed and the people are not to take any chances and precautionary measures are being taken.

Joseph Akers, the well known blacksmith, met with an accident this afternoon that will cause him considerable trouble, if it proves no more serious. While engaged in sharpening a plowshare the blade in some manner slipped and cut a deep wound in his hand between the thumb and first finger. Medical aid was at once secured and it is thought it will cause him no serious results.

It was announced here today that Ray Whittington, who has been the local manager for the San Joaquin Light and Power company at Selma, will open an electrical store here after the first of the year. The young man is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Whittington of this city and is a young man of considerable ability in the electrical line, and will conduct the Dumbha Electrical Works. He will do all wiring, contracting and carry a line of supplies and fixtures.

Mrs. L. C. Renfro, who has been very seriously ill for the past two weeks, is reported a little better today. She is suffering with a complication of diseases and added to this is an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Gordon Giffon, who was seriously ill for several days, is again able to be about.

That this is one of the richest and most productive parts of the country is shown by the following: C. P. Iverson of the Dumbha hotel planted a piece of ground 10x20 feet in the rear yard of the hotel a few weeks ago in orange seeds. There were eight rows of the seeds and Mr. Iverson states that he counted the seeds in one row and found 280. According to this there would have been 488 seeds in the little bed and these they would be sold for five cents apiece, or approximately \$24. That is about the greatest return reported so far from any one piece of ground of this size.

Christmas is to be observed appropriately by all the Sunday schools of the city. Most of the entertainments will be of the usual order and all of them expected to have their entertainments tomorrow evening except in the case of the M. E. church South, which will be given Saturday night. The feature of this will be a singing service in which Santa Claus is expected to arrive. At the Christmas

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## SHOPLIFTERS GIVEN 3 MONTHS IN JAIL

Trio Operated in a Number  
of Leading Stores in  
Hanford.

HANFORD, Dec. 23.—Quick work was made with a trio of shoplifters in Justice Ferguson's court today. One of them, T. J. McInnough, plead guilty and was sentenced to three months in the county jail. He swore to court that Rooney, who was arrested in his company, was innocent of the crime of stealing, and on this testimony Rooney was released with a suspended sentence of three months. The third member was Lavinski, who likewise plead guilty and was sentenced to three months in jail. The men worked their game in Kutter Goldstein's, Manasse & Sons and the New York store. Their game was tipped by Constable H. M. Bernstein and Deputy S. D. Montgomery.

Macedonia Valencia and Juan Sanchez were arrested today for stealing raisins from the North Ontario packing house. They were taken to court by Constable George Goodrich, and on pleading guilty were fined \$5 each.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hunter was today committed to hospital for the insane at San Jose.

William Edwin Ray and Mrs. Terry Selis were united in marriage last evening. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Northup at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Foster.

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## DESPONDENT WOMAN SLASHES HER THROAT

Mrs. Gordon of Lindsay  
Ends Life Because of  
Financial Trouble.

VISALIA, Dec. 23.—With the wounds of a previous attempt at suicide but partially healed on her neck, Mrs. Elizabeth Gordon killed herself yesterday by slashing her throat with a razor while depressed over financial matters. She was found by her daughter, Mrs. Joe Christman, but the wounds were so deep that the flow of blood could not be checked.

Mrs. Gordon made an attempt on her life two weeks ago and was saved from death only by prompt medical aid. Those who were maintained by her relatives for a time, but she appeared to recover from the fit of depression and vigilance was relaxed.

The cause is believed to have been despondency over money matters. Some time ago she loaned a son-in-law money to start in the dry business, but he was not altogether successful and other similar money transactions worried her.

Two weeks ago she attempted death in a like manner and several attempts in the neck. Prompt medical attendance at that time prevented serious results, and the matter was hushed up. An attempt to keep the present affair quiet has been successful to a degree.

Mrs. Gordon is 45 years of age and is prominently connected in and about Lindsay. Beside the daughter mentioned there is a son, Lawrence Gordon.

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## INSTITUTE AT CLOVIS PROVES BIG SUCCESS

Addresses on Farm Topics  
Are Made By Three  
Local Experts.

CLOVIS, Dec. 23.—The Farmers' Institute held under the auspices of the Clovis Farmers' Union at the Clovis hall on Wednesday proved to be one of the most instructive and beneficial that have ever been held here. In spite of threatening skies and muddy roads, delegations from the surrounding colonies were present in numbers—Garfield, New, Jefferson, Enterprise, Walters and Kutter being represented.

Secretary Capt. H. of the local union had charge of the arrangements and no effort was spared to make the gathering a success. Personal notices were mailed to the vineyardists for miles around, posters were placed along the main lines of travel, and press notices were sent out, giving the widest publicity to the event. Had the weather been propitious there is no doubt that the attendance would have broken all previous records for Clovis gatherings.

Among those present from a distance were President Parks of the Fresno County Farmers' Union, Mr. Polson of the celebrated Polson vineyard at Fairview, and G. R. Hammond of Fresno.

Prof. G. H. Wilkinson presided and G. B. Lading acted as secretary. The forenoon was given over to an address by W. R. McIntosh on "Spray and Control, Insect Pests and Fungus Diseases."

Beginning the afternoon session an enjoyable concert was given by Harwell's orchestra, which furnished not only good music, but the unique spectacle of an organization composed of five brothers.

Mrs. M. E. Sherman handled her two subjects, "How to Increase the Yield of Alfalfa" and "Planting and Care of the Young Vineyard" in a way that convinced her audience that they were listening to one who had a thorough practical knowledge of these and kindred matters.

W. R. McIntosh, whose writings on agricultural subjects have done more perhaps than any one agency to stimulate the farmers of the lower San Joaquin valley to work along scientifically, spoke on "How to Make Fertilizer Pay," arousing a great deal of interest in an industry that has been almost entirely neglected in this vicinity, but one that undoubtedly could be made to yield handsome returns if properly conducted.

The discussions following each subject brought out a fund of valuable suggestions and many orchardists found enlightenment on vexatious points.

The institute aroused renewed interest in the forthcoming visit of the University of California demonstration crew, which will reach Clovis about January 15th.

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## CHRISTMAS BUSINESS

Today is the "last business day" before Christmas, and it is therefore fitting to repeat the title advice "shop early." Say, about 8 or nine o'clock tonight, for instance. You will find the shops full of whatever is left, in whatever condition a shopping-rush mauling has left it, and you will find clerks to wait on you, in the possession of whatever frazzled faculties the rush has left them. Don't kick! Take what you can get; pay for it whatever the price is, and thank your lucky stars that even a tired clerk will probably treat you more courteously than you deserve. Also, thank the new spirit of business, first initiated by the unions, and now cheerfully co-operated in by the merchants themselves, that the clerks are not half so frazzled as they used to be, in the old days of unlimited hours, when nobody had any rights except the customer and the employer, and they got theirs by fighting for them.

Also, on this last business day, it is fitting to congratulate ourselves generally on the amount of Christmas business that has been done. Everybody has been prosperous. Advertising is a pretty fair index of retail business, and the Republican's advertising has surpassed all records. So far as we can judge, this has been the case also with general Christmas business. Everybody has prospered, and most of all the customer. For there is nothing so good to do with money as to spend it, and a big Christmas rush means that there was money to spend. Conditions are prosperous and people are happy. "Business is good," thank you.

"Christmas comes but once a year." How would it be if the Christmas spirit were to extend over all the year? For one thing, this would be a really Christian nation, then. But that is tomorrow's theme. Today is business. How would it be for business if the Christmas activity could last twelve months instead of one? Would it exhaust itself, by so draining the customers of all their money that they could no longer buy? Until we could readjust the mists of our present unbalanced system, no doubt in part it would. Frugality is the only way to conserve fixed incomes, and, under present conditions, many incomes are necessarily fixed. Also, in so far as Christmas shopping involves waste, that would be a social extravagance which would finally exhaust itself. But if our system of exchange and of adjusting incomes were more flexible, certainly the more rapid production and interchange of goods could do nothing but good. We always produce less than we are able to consume, and one of the reasons we can not afford to consume all that we would like is because the world declines to absorb all that we could produce. Let both go, full swing, and readjust things so that the man in the middle could get his share, and we might safely and profitably hold Christmas all the year. Even as it is, Christmas is the time that best remedies the business as well as the moral ills of the rest of the year.

So—a prosperous Christmas eve to you!

## WHY CHICAGO?

"Fifty years from now there will be no schools in Chicago," predicts Architect Perkins, of the Chicago board of education. Instead, the pupils will be shot through pneumatic tubes to school fifty miles out in the country, at an expense less than the up-keep and interest of the schools would cost, on the valuable land inside the city, and with, of course, enormous benefit to the children.

But, while we are in the prophesying business, why stop at the schools? If it is to be no longer necessary to keep the school children in Chicago, why shall we suppose it necessary to keep anybody there? Nobody in his right mind lives in Chicago now, if he can help it. It is a horrible place—all dirt and noise and hurry and wickedness, in a climate of thunderstorms and cyclones in summer and blizzards in winter. Some people live there because they must, and the rest because they do not know any better. But if the pneumatic tube will shoot the children out into the green fields, it can shoot their parents out there, too, and back again. Nothing will have to be done in Chicago except business, and the busy man can attend to that, swarming in their sky-scraping ant-mounts. Even the sky-scraeper can be abolished, if the problem of horizontal transportation can be made as simple as that of vertical. But the blocks are only ten feet apart, when they are superposed in a block-square skyscraper, and it is easier to carry people eighteen stories vertically than to carry them horizontally. Moving sidewalks, or more pneumatic tubes, may cure that, and then Chicago may become a habitable place for business men, during business hours. It never will be fit for anybody else.

Transportation is going to abolish the city, as a place of residence. Man was made to live in the country and he is going to do it. He may work in Chicago, but he won't live there.

And really, when we begin shooting people across country, why live even in the neighborhood of Chicago. There is room for everybody in California, where life is worth living. So everybody move out here, and run the rest of the country, with its resources, production and distribution, by wireless.

With drinking places all over the country closed on Sundays and after midnight, the joy-riding industry in Fresno will be seriously crippled. Really, the whole country will be "on the bum." But, nevertheless, "watch the growl!"

## PARTY DISCIPLINE

The Democratic members of the last two legislatures are to meet in San Francisco, on Jackson day, to discuss ways and means of forwarding the Democratic cause.

Just what the Democratic cause in general is, probably no one knows. Locally, in California, it is proclaimed by Senator Sanford to be opposition to the railroad machine. That is a good cause, but Senator Sanford himself would hardly claim it to be exclusively Democratic. There are Democratic members of these legislatures, entitled to participation in that caucus, who have been as subservient to that machine as any Republican, while if, instead of a Democratic caucus, it were an anti-machine one, its membership would be composed of Republicans, three to one. So it is really not an issue between the parties at all, but rather within the parties. Senator Sanford is to be congratulated on his probable success in winning his part of it, within his party. Also, the whole state is to be congratulated on the probable success of the other movement, to win the much bigger victory (because in a bigger party) within the Republican party. The fight is on, within both parties, and it means much. What the other fight is about, between the parties, we are not discussing. In fact, we are not sure we know. Who does?

But nevertheless, while nobody knows just what that fight between the parties is about, there are very many people who regard it as tremendously important which side wins. Senator Sanford, who calls the Democratic conference, seems to be such a person, on the Democratic side. There are thousands of such, on the Republican side. And their main worry, about any party policy, is to see whether it will conduce to party success or not.

Probably that is important. At least, most people seem to think so. And, since most people are Republicans, the party course most interesting to most people is no doubt, the course which will make for or against Republican success. On that subject Harper's Weekly recently made some pregnant suggestions. We have not the paper at hand, and can not quote verbatim, but the suggestion was that the only possible opportunity for Democratic success would be the accomplishment of the present efforts on the part of the Republican machine to maintain party discipline. In other words, the only way to jeopardize Republican success is the way Aldrich and Cannon are now trying—reading out of the Republican party everybody but their sort of Republicans. This is a year when nobody can be driven by the party whip. Voters will not support men or measures merely because they are Republicans. Rather, they will support the Republican party because its men and measures appeal to them as right.

So don't worry, you Republican partisans, about the Democratic conference. It may win a useful victory, inside the Democratic party. As to winning a victory for the Democratic party, nobody can do that except Republicans, and the only Republicans who are trying to do it are the disciplinarians of the Republican machine.

## NO MORE WORLDS

A brief dispatch from Kampala, Uganda, the other day, recounted that Colonel Roosevelt had just arrived by automobile, from Entebbe, the rest of the party coming down by steamboat. At Entebbe there was a public luncheon and reception, and at Kampala Colonel Roosevelt received King Daudi Chwa (as he is a dowdy chaw?) of Uganda.

That is all. Not very interesting or important, apparently. Just what might happen any day, anywhere (with the exception of his majesty, King Dowdy) and so decidedly prosaic and uninteresting.

But isn't it, after all, about the most startling thing in the world to realize that things do happen, in Darkest Africa, just about as they do anywhere else. Automobiles (which means macadamized roads), steamboats, social functions, telegraphs—there is nothing African about it except King Dowdy. And we'll bet a new plug hat and a paper collar that Dowdy Chaw was the swiftest dressed of the bunch. Which leaves him hardly African, either.

Veritably, after Peary discovers the South Pole, next year, and Cook discovers himself; there will be no more worlds to conquer. The King of Uganda will be visiting Paris, next, in his new aeroplane and make a deal for promoters' stock in the ivory trust. Then the celluloid trust will run him out, but not until a Parisian dentist has insulted his once ivory mouth with a new set of American porcelain teeth.

Since the time when the Fresno fire department was called out to put out a fire in Engine house No. 1, there has been nothing quite like the fire of yesterday, when a fire insurance adjuster accidentally set fire to a fire insurance office. We shall be having a doctor taking his own medicine, next.

The "muck-rakers" are still discussing the iniquities of the situation that deprived the American diplomatic service of Almost-Minister Crane, lately en route for China. But there is one consolation. Minister Gage, soon-to-be of Portugal, is not likely to be recalled.

TESTIMONY CLOSED IN SHERIDAN MURDER CASE  
GOLDEN, Nev., Dec. 23.—The hearing of testimony in the case of John J. Sheridan, charged with the murder of his wife, was concluded this forenoon and an adjournment taken to permit counsel to agree upon the instructions to be given to the jury.  
Dr. Albert H. Hapner of Reno, having testified for the defense that in his opinion Sheridan was insane at the time the crime was committed, evidence in rebuttal was offered today by the state. Dr. J. T. McCarthy of Golden and Dr. E. M. Gardner of Los Angeles were placed on the stand. Both declared that they believed the defendant was sane at the time of the murder.

BROKAW TESTIFIES  
IN DIVORCE SUIT

A Good Witness; Refutes Charges of Brutality; He Never Drank.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—W. Gould Brokaw, whose wife is suing him for separation with alimony of \$50,000 a year, took the stand today in the divorce suit. He said that his father-in-law, Joseph A. Blair, had threatened to kill him because he loved his wife too much. When he told Mrs. Brokaw of this she laughed and said: "Don't mind father, Billy; he's crazy."

Brokaw described the night when his wife took poison. In minute detail he laid out the scene through the two years of the marriage. He testified to charges of drunkenness, cruelty and abusive language brought against him in the testimony of his wife.

Brokaw made a good witness. His attitude was easy and his answers were ready and firm. Occasionally he peered daintily through a lorgnette in examining papers submitted to him.

Mrs. Brokaw was ashy pale and muffled in furs. Her head tossed up in fury when he testified that he had never seen her in a drunken mood, and she coughed constantly with a nervous little back.

Brokaw said that he had never been drunk in his life. Mrs. Brokaw said: "I was drunk," he testified, my face was flushed from a long walk or drive. "I never struck any one in my life," he swore. "Mrs. Brokaw knows I could not harm her."

He admitted that he had called his wife a liar. "Yes," he said, "I called her a liar, but not until she had called me a damned liar. I had been out and when I came back, bringing her flowers, she accused me of getting some woman. I denied it. She said I lied, and I had to tell her the same."

Brokaw said his wife had smoked cigarettes before their marriage and that she had promised him to stop. He had never seen her drink cocktails but he had understood from the servants that cocktails were taken to her room on the day.

"Will you tell the court of your drinking agreement with your wife?" asked Judge F. McIntyre, his counsel. "Yes," answered Brokaw. "We wanted to mix gingerale with aerated water until it was the exact color of champagne. I wished to appear to drink with my wife, and yet not to drink. This mixture bubbled and yet was harmless. I have used it for years. I do not drink."

Brokaw did not recall any scene following an incident at a party where a guest had changed his wife's glass so that she got real champagne and not the imitation. "If Mrs. Brokaw drank champagne, she was the only one who knew it," he testified.

Shown a list of objectionable names which Mrs. Brokaw said her husband had applied to her when angry, Brokaw scrutinized them through his lorgnette and said: "Of course, I do not use such language."

"Tell us what happened on the so-called poison night," directed McIntyre.

"On that night," complied the witness, "I and the Marquis Hermoise and others to dinner. Mrs. Brokaw did not come down. After dinner I went to her room and knocked. She did not answer. Then I said: 'Mary, I want to come in.' She did not answer. Finally I pushed in the door. She was furious. I told her I only wanted to kiss her good night and left."

"When I came upstairs again Mrs. Brokaw was not in her room. I called for her and got a nurse to help me hunt. After a search the nurse called to me from a room at one end of the hall. I got there just in time to see the nurse struggling to take something out of Mrs. Brokaw's white tablet. "I screamed, 'My God! she did!'"

"Did you do anything to cause her to take poison?"

"Absolutely nothing."

It is thought that Mrs. Brokaw will undergo a rigid cross-examination when court convenes tomorrow.

LOS ANGELES DEFY NEW YORK AERO CLUB

Will Have Aviation Week No Matter What National Body Does.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—"With or without the sanction of the Aero Club of America, the aviation meet announced for this city on January 10-12 will be held," is the gist of a statement issued tonight by the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association of this city, under whose auspices the event is scheduled.

From New York today came the statement that the Aero Club of America will sanction the meet, but will insist that no unlicensed pilots be permitted to enter into contests with licensed pilots. It is the insistence of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association having in charge the arrangements for the meet objects to.

In the statement issued tonight the committee says: "The Merchants and Manufacturers' Association of Los Angeles, under whose auspices the aviation meet is to be held, feels that it has reached the limit of toleration by either the Aero Club of America or any other club organization. The association has proceeded in good faith and repeatedly assured the Aero Club of America that the international meet to be held here is to be one of true sportsmanship, and the contests to be for scientific achievement and not for profit in any way. The meet has duly received the sanction of the local Aero Club, which is affiliated with the Aero Club of America, and has been proceeded with in harmony with the rules outlined by the Aero Club. The restrictions which the dispatches of today indicate are to be placed on different contests prohibiting the competition of licensed and unlicensed pilots in themselves absolutely contradict the objects of the Aero Club of America, which are that all contests must be for the advancement of aviation and devoid of commercial profit. They will prohibit the entry of a number of machines by local inventors and by aviators who have proved their ability to fly but have not yet found the opportunity to join an aero club. The Merchants and Manufacturers' Association declares that unless the Aero Club of America respects its compliance with the Aero Club's rules and the free-for-all efforts in behalf of aviation, the association will hold the aviation meet in Los Angeles regardless of the Aero Club of America's action."

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PEARY PARTISANS  
ANSWER SCHLEY

Say It Would Be Absurd to Send Proofs to Copenhagen.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Rear Admiral Schley's demand that Commodore Peary submit his proof data to the custody of the University of Copenhagen for verification following that body's repudiation of Dr. Cook, has raised a storm among the members of the National Geographic Society, which gave Peary a clean bill of honor.

Leading members claim that the scientists of the United States would be demeaning themselves if they acknowledged that their findings needed verification. There seemed to be no disposition to withdraw from the Copenhagen board the data filed by Peary, but there is a well defined opposition against turning it over to the Danish scientists for official action.

The argument advanced by Admiral Schley against such examination would remove all question of doubt from the claim of Peary is accepted as rather gratuitous. The records of Peary have been found unimpeachable by American scientists and therefore there is no need to wonder whether Peary is right, but whether the scientists are wrong.

"Nothing can be gained by submitting Commander Peary's data to the University of Copenhagen," said Professor Gannett, chairman of the committee that passed upon Peary's proof, and I don't see any reason why he should. The committee that passed upon his papers is fully qualified to arrive at an unbiased conclusion, notwithstanding that almost every member is acquainted with the Commander. I need not say that the investigations were carried on along scientific lines, without regard to the personality of standing of either claimant."

Rear Admiral Chester, who attacked Cook's claim some time ago, denounced the proposition of Admiral Schley as "absurd." He declared he did not believe that the University of Copenhagen would consider making a request for the proofs and that the whole thing was a mere snare.

He also drew attention to the fact that the Royal Geographical Society of England and the Geographical Society of Berlin had acknowledged Peary as the discoverer of the Pole and that the Danish scientists had decided to honor Peary in Berlin next year.

Also he touched upon the verdict of the Duc d'Abruzzi, himself an explorer of no small fame, that Peary had placed foot on the apex of the world's highest peak, and that the demand of Admiral Schley might well be ignored.

A cablegram dated Copenhagen to J. Howard Gore, a member of the special committee named to look into the Cook data, unofficially announced that Danish scientists had sent their report on Cook's data to the National Geographic Society. The report and the field notes, book of Dr. Cook probably will be reviewed by the committee early next month.

NOT DECORATED BY KING.  
That Dr. Cook was not decorated by the King of Denmark as has been generally supposed, is the substance of a statement made tonight by Dr. Maurice F. Egan, United States minister to Denmark.

"Dr. Cook was not decorated by the king," said Dr. Egan, "who is on a leave of absence from his post, is spending the holidays in Washington. Contrary to the generally accepted opinion, Dr. Cook was not decorated by the king," said Dr. Egan, "who is on a leave of absence from his post, is spending the holidays in Washington. Contrary to the generally accepted opinion, Dr. Cook was not decorated by the king."

"The king held his decoration back awaiting the decision of the University of Copenhagen. The honorary degree the university conferred upon Dr. Cook and the medal which the Royal Geographical Society of Denmark gave to him were not for his supposed discovery of the Pole, but for his previous achievements in polar explorations, particularly his work in the Belgica expedition. He will not be asked to return some long time ago."

"If Commander Peary had appeared in Copenhagen a short time after he discovered the Pole he would have received a reception equally as enthusiastic from the king and the people."

STORMS OFF JAPANESE  
COAST DISASTROUS

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 23.—News was brought by the steamer Empress of India, which reached port from the orient tonight, that a tremendous loss of life was occasioned off Korea and Japan by severe gales shortly before the liner sailed. Six hundred and twenty Korean fishing vessels were wrecked off Gampo, South Hwangyang, while in Northeastern Korea more than half the fleet of fishing craft was lost. It was estimated that the loss of life would exceed 5000.

The Dutch cruiser, Zeebrant, which had returned to Yokohama from San Francisco, encountered a hurricane en route. The main mast was broken and wireless apparatus disabled. The vessel was several days overdue on arrival.

RAILWAY COMPANY  
INCREASES WAGES

OMAHA, Dec. 23.—The Omaha and Council Bluffs street railway, which three months ago successfully resisted the demands of its employees for an increase in wages, spending many thousands of dollars to break the strike, today announced an increase of 1 cent per hour in wages for all its motormen and conductors, beginning January 1. The maximum pay will then be 27 cents an hour and the minimum 22.

WANTS LEWIS' PLACE.  
COSHOCOTON, O., Dec. 23.—William Green, candidate to succeed Thomas L. Lewis as president of the United Mine Workers of America, said today he had received private advice from Pennsylvania, Illinois and several other districts which fully confirmed his prediction that he would be elected president.

CHRISTMAS EVE BALL.  
Great interest is being manifested in the annual ball of the U. P. E. C. Council No. 23, which will be given in the Armory Hall on Christmas Eve. A special orchestra, led by Theodore Reitz, will furnish the music. The admission will be 50 cents. Ladies free.

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SAN JOSE, Dec. 23.—For the purpose of developing oil wells in this valley a company headed by John D. Spreckels, Jr., of San Francisco and backed by a million and a half dollars, has secured leases on over 10,000 acres of orchard and vineyard lands and has acquired options on many more. The work has been going forward quietly for nearly two years and the recording of the leases today brought the gigantic project to a successful issue. Work will begin immediately after the first of the year and wells will be drilled at the rate of one every four months throughout the southwestern part of the valley.

OHIO GRAFTERS  
HEAVILY FINED

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Dec. 23.—Fines to the amount of \$14,000 assessed by Judge George F. Robinson today against the confessed grafters, who are to remain in the custody of the sheriff until the fines are paid. Ten county officials and contractors are included.

The sentence of the court was a fine of \$500 to be paid for each indictment and disfranchisement to follow.

DYNAMITE EXPLODES  
KILLING WORKMEN

LOUISIANA, Mo., December 23.—Ollie Pogue was killed, six workmen were injured and two miles were blown to atoms when 1,000 pounds of nitroglycerine, which Pogue was hauling in a wagon, exploded at Ashburn, Mo., today. The workmen were more than 300 yards from the wagon. Railroad tracks were torn up and the rails were twisted double.

NO DANGER OF TARIFF  
WAR WITH FRANCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—No tariff war between France and the United States will arise, according to M. Auguste Calvet, a senator of France, who has been in this country since November 19th. Before sailing today Calvet said he believed all schedules between the two countries would be settled before next April, adding: "Concessions on both sides will have to be made, but no difference exists that cannot be settled without friction."

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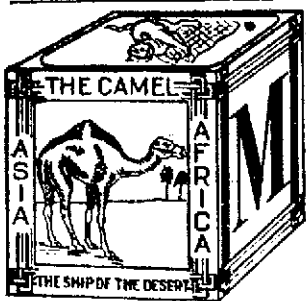


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Every article in the Toy and Bazaar Department has been priced for quick clearance today, no matter what you want in the toy line you can save money by getting our prices today. Everything is out of the bone in order to save carrying them over till next year, cost and profit have been cast aside to clear the tables. We advise early morning trading to avoid the big rush, and get your share of the bargains before all the good bargains are gobbled up.

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Full jointed "Kestner" doll, light or dark hair, has sleeping eyes and eyelashes; shoes and stockings; hair tied with ribbon; length 19 inches; this is a regular \$1.50 value, special today at... **98c**

### Special Sale of Ten Pins

For today we are offering some great values in ten-pin games; they are well made of hardwood, nicely finished; come in neat wooden boxes and different sizes; specially priced for today at 10c, 20c, 40c and 80c.

### Post Card Albums

We are showing an endless variety of new post card albums; every available style and kind made.

Post Card Albums holding 55 cards... **20c**

Post Card Albums holding 100 cards... **25c**

Post Card Albums holding 500 cards... **50c**

### Sets of Toy Dishes

Pretty decorated tin toy dishes; pleasing figures; large assortment; special prices, 10c, 25c, 50c and 60c.

### Big Reduction on Pyrography Goods

We are headquarters on pyrography goods; our stock is the largest and most complete in town and our prices the lowest; for today we are offering:

25 per cent off on all pyrography sets.

20 per cent off on all wood for burning.

### Blackboards

All the available styles in blackboards are shown in our assortment; at the very lowest prices, we are offering two good styles special for today:

Hardwood frames with panorama roll, special value... **\$1.50**

Hardwood frames, smaller size, without the roll... **50c**

### Wheelbarrows

A great toy for the little fellows; we are showing a good assortment, well made, stout and durable; special at 50c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

### Red Chairs

Red Chairs to gladden the hearts of the little girls; stoutly made of sturd hard wood; well painted and very good values... **50c and 40c**

### Toy Blocks 5c

Toy blocks, natural wood, painted in contrasting colors; blue cubes packed in neat box; new design; special, per box... **5c**

### Fine Box Toy Blocks 10c

Toy blocks, 16 pieces; size of each piece, 1 1/2-10x10-16; rolled in attractive and contrasting colors; embossed effects on natural wood; in neat boxes at... **10c**

### Burnt Wood Blocks at 25c

16 cubes; the original burnt wood blocks; natural wood with exquisite "burnt" effects; also burnt impressions of letters, numerals, animals, etc.; not only the names of the animals, but their habits and characteristics are shown; special at... **25c**

### Cameo Toy Blocks at 15c

16 blocks; designs in Cameo and letters in embossed outline; rolled with red, very attractive blocks; packed in strong glazed paper boxes and specially priced... **15c**

### Large Natural Wood Blocks at 60c

16 cubes; large size natural wood; embossed ends and sides; painted in two colors; 25 alphabetical illustrations; letters and numerals; in solid wood frame box; special at... **60c**

### "Mother Goose" Blocks \$1.00

Twenty cubes; "HIT" finish; red ends, white sides; varnished and waterproofed; the ever popular "Mother Goose" rhymes; with suitable illustrations; in wood framed box; handsomely finished with glazed or var-colored paper; special... **\$1.00**

### Architectural Blocks

Stare work finish on the reverse of brick blocks; durable, instructive and beautiful; neatly packed in stout boxes; good assortment.

Box Architectural Blocks, 24 pieces, Special... **25c**

Box Architectural Blocks, 48 pieces, Special... **45c**

Box Architectural Blocks, 96 pieces, Special... **\$1.25**

Box Architectural Blocks, 200 pieces, Special... **\$2.75**

### Architectural Wagon Blocks \$1.25

Architectural Wagon Blocks; wagon painted in bright colors; blocks neatly embossed; very instructive toy for the little folks; special at... **\$1.25**

## Special Cut Prices on Cut Glass

Cut glass Salt and Pepper Shakers, silver tops... **25c**

Cut glass Salt and Pepper Shakers, glass tops... **35c**

Cut glass Knife Rests, 5-1-1 in. large ball ends... **\$1.00**

Cut glass Olive or Spoon Tray... **25c**

Cut glass Nappies, special value... **\$1.00 to \$1.50**

Cut glass Celery Trays, Special values... **\$2.50 to \$7.50**

Cut glass Water Bottles or Carafes... **\$3.50**

Cut glass Water Pitchers... **\$4.50 to \$6.00**

Cut glass Nappies, 5 and 6 inch... **\$1.50 to \$2.00**

## These Specials for Women

### A Grand Array of Sensible Holiday Gifts For Women and Children in the Suit and Cloak Section Today

Women's and misses' \$7.00 to \$25 Tailored Suits for today... **\$13.75**  
Women's and misses' \$12 to \$15 Long Coats for today... **\$9.75**  
Women's and misses' \$6.50 Dress Skirts for today... **\$3.98**  
\$2.00 pure Irish linen Waists, on special sale today... **\$1.19**  
\$6.50 silk Jersey Waists, big assortment; best colors; Special... **\$2.98**

\$5.00 Dressing of plain tulle; full coat; good selection... **\$1.95**

\$4.00 all wool Blanket Robes; good color combinations; great values... **\$2.95**

Girls' \$8.50 Winter Coats; all the late styles; best colors... **\$3.95**

Girls' \$5.00 Bearskin Coats; very good quality; Special at... **\$2.95**

Girls' \$1.50 Lounging Robes; pretty color combinations; for... **98c**

Girls' \$2.00 Winter Dresses; big assortment; well made; good colors... **\$1.19**

Children's \$2.00 Fur Sets; a sensible New Year gift; Special today... **\$1.29**

25 per cent discount on any Fur piece in the house at \$5 or over.

### Sterling Silver Match Boxes \$1.98

Five different styles of genteel sterling silver match boxes; plain and engraved designs; heavy quality; values up to \$5... **\$1.98**

### \$4.00 Fancy Umbrellas for \$2.39

Ladies' 26-inch Umbrellas, made on National frames, with steel rods and covered with best quality tape edged piece dyed taffeta; mounted with gold plated and sterling silver handles; in unique designs. Special... **\$2.39**

### Children's Coral Necklaces at 25c

Children's 3-strand Coral Necklaces; in several different styles; well made with good fasteners; in neat box for Christmas gift. Special at... **25c**

### Ladies' \$1.50 Silk Hose \$1.19

A magnificent quality of ladies' pure silk hosiery; in black, white, pink, light blue, tan, brown and gray; regular \$1.50 grade... **\$1.19**

### Ladies' \$3.50 Patent Kid Shoes \$2.65

Ladies' patent kid Dress Shoes, with mid foot extension soles and military heels; short vamp; slant tops; made on the new awing lasts; all sizes and widths; the \$3.50 grade; Special at... **\$2.65**

### Ladies' \$3 Coltskin Shoes \$1.98

Ladies' classy Dress Shoes; of finest patent kid skin; blucher lace style; high tops; short vamp; new full lasts; all sizes and widths; the regular \$3 value; Sale price... **\$1.98**

### Men's \$1 House Slippers 69c

Men's holiday house slippers; black and brown vamps; made on comfortable lasts; common sense heels; all sizes; quality that always sells at \$1.00. Special today... **69c**

### Dress Goods and Silks \$2.50 Guaranteed Taffeta for \$1.75

For today only we offer a 25 inch all silk Taffeta; guaranteed beautiful rich lustre; the regular \$2.50 grade; the best silk that money can buy. Special at... **\$1.75**

### \$3.50 Silk Waist Pattern \$1.75

Today is the last chance to get one of these fine 4 yard silk waist patterns at this price; 20 styles to select from; worth \$3.50; for today... **\$1.75**

### 60c Novelty Suiting for 39c

Choice today of a big line of new Novelty Suiting; in every desirable color; values up to 60c a yard. Special... **39c**

## DOMESTICS

### 72x84 Inch Cotton Comforter \$1.50

An extra large double bed size comforter; beautiful designs; filled with finest white cotton; 72x84 inches; a great value today at... **\$1.50**

### 81x90 Seamless Sheets at 65c

Full size Bed Sheets for double beds; well made; torn and hand hemmed; fine soft finish finish; 3 inch top hem. Special today... **65c**

### Large White Bed Spreads at \$1.20

A very heavy extra large size Bed Spread for double bed, 76x84 inches; pretty Murrells designs; a well made, serviceable article. Special... **\$1.20**

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## WEATHER CONDITIONS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23 (The following maximum and minimum temperatures are reported from Eastern stations for previous day):  
Chicago 20-12, New York 20-15, Omaha 18-16.

Forecast: San Joaquin valley. Fair on Friday, heavy frost in the morning, light north wind.

## GENERAL CONDITIONS

Although an area of high pressure covers the greater portion of the country between the Rocky mountains and the Atlantic coast, light amounts of precipitation are reported quite generally in the northern half of that section. The cold wave noted Wednesday in the northern Rocky mountain region has abated somewhat in severity. It is still cold throughout the Missouri valley. In the Gulf states the temperature has remained about stationary or has dropped during the last 24 hours.

The pressure continues low over Arizona and adjacent territory and cloudy weather, with light precipitation, has prevailed from Central California southward. This disturbance is likely to cause more or less cloudy weather in Fresno and vicinity tonight and Friday, but further rain is not probable.

W. D. FULLER, Local Forecaster.

Air temperature... 42  
Highest temperature yesterday... 45  
Lowest temperature yesterday... 35  
Humidity (percentage of saturation)... 50  
Wind N.E. (miles per hour)... 10  
Fair Friday.

## LOCAL BREVITIES

Hollands have what you want in Christmas Supplies today.

Ask for Danish Creamery butter.

Dr. Cockrell, dentist, Patterson Block.

Big sale of lolly berries. Mrs. M. Shumlin, florist.

Willow wood 10 per cord delivered. Phone Main 10.

Alfalfa seed, 18c and 15c. C. M. Chasler, corner Fresno and C.

Ladies, remember most men trade at Newman Levy's, 1943 Mariposa St.

For Christmas trees call at Fancher Creek Nurseries salesyard, 1215 J street.

For your Christmas dinner turkey, ham, young roosters. Tel. Ray, Tufts, M. 2489.

Almond, jam, jelly, plum pudding, etc., sold at the Y. W. C. A. Wednesday, December 22.

Big sale of lolly berries. We are overstocked and are selling at cost. Mrs. M. Shumlin, florist.

The ladies of the Baptist church will appreciate any Wonder coupons turned in for them today.

Newman Levy, the leading men's furnisher and hatter. Latest novelties, suitable for Christmas presents. 1936 Mariposa St.

Big feed 10 ton. Capros, oil cake. Capros Oil cake meal. California Products Co., south end O street and Butler avenue.

All butcher shops will be opened till 9 o'clock on Xmas Eve, till 12 o'clock day and same on New Year's Eve and New Year's day.

Your last chance, Friday, 24, to secure a portable bath apparatus at corner J and Kern streets. Matthew & Co. store. Will close.

Attention, Masons! Annual meeting, Friday night, December 24th. Reports and election of officers. P. W. Edwards, W. M., J. L. Roach, Sec.

Christmas services at the German Lutheran church, corner L and Ventura streets, will be held as follows: On Christmas Eve at 7:30, on Christmas Day at 10:30 and at 5 p. m. This last service will be the Christmas celebration of the Sunday school.

The city schools closed yesterday afternoon for the holidays. The vacation will extend to Monday, January 3. A few of the county schools closed a week ago and the students will be given a two weeks' vacation.

At a meeting of the Fresno Flume and Lumber company held on Monday A. R. MacKinnon was elected to fill the office of secretary and assistant for collection of Charles W. Mack. The latter expects to be absent from the city for some time. Mr. MacKinnon is a stockholder in the company and has been with it for four years. He is in charge of the flume works.

A driving horse owned by Clara White, 414 Mono and 1 street, met with a peculiar accident Wednesday evening. Mr. White, who is a heavy stubble, he tried a new harness a few days ago and day before yesterday instructed him in the art of "loading" the animals with sawdust. For the night a large scoop shovel is used. While throwing the sawdust under a horse from the crowd, suddenly kicked back with both hind legs, striking the sharp edge of the sawdust. The harness and head collars were severed and it became necessary to shoot the unfortunate horse.

## PERSONAL MENTION

R. W. Hobart, commercial agent of the Santa Fe, left for San Francisco yesterday on business. He will return today.

Frank A. Law of Washington, D. C., registered at the Hughes yesterday.

Charles E. Feltman, city ticket agent of the Southern Pacific, left for San Francisco yesterday, where he will spend Christmas with relatives and friends. He is expected to return Monday.

W. B. Aldrich and H. C. Campbell, were passengers to Los Angeles last night where they will spend the holidays, returning after the first of the year.

C. H. Lawrence of San Jose is at the Hughes.

Paul Nelson of Los Angeles is in the city today.

H. R. Parsons of Los Angeles is stopping at the Hughes.

G. L. Weiss of Mount Vernon, N. Y., is registered at the Hughes.

J. E. Fulton and E. D. Deans of Los Angeles are at the Hughes.

A. W. Chapin, district freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific company, returned yesterday from a brief trip to the northern part of the San Joaquin valley with the demonstration train from the University of California.

W. P. Pennington and W. D. Thompson of Los Angeles are at the Hughes.

W. R. Robb of Orosi is stopping at the Hughes.

Charles G. Stone of Coalinga was a visitor in Fresno yesterday.

E. C. Fairbank of San Francisco is among the big arrivals at the Hughes.

Mr. Fairbank is a railroad man.

W. R. Chapin of the U. S. G. S. service is a guest at the Hughes.

S. Mand Green of Sacramento is registered at the Hughes.

Thomas E. Sullivan and wife of Kingman, Arizona, are stopping at the Sequoia for a few days.

Charles E. Stuart, traveling freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific company, will leave for San Francisco tonight where he will spend the holidays.

W. R. Moore arrived here from Ukiah yesterday.

The Mazoe Zoo (Elen and Norma) Keeney of the Fresno Abstract company have come to Los Angeles over the Christmas holidays.

Dr. J. C. Camp, Surgeon General and his wife, Mrs. Clara E. Harrold, teacher in the Ross school, went last night to Mill Valley in Marin county, to spend Christmas with relatives.

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All Toys will be cleared out today and everything in our Basement Toy Store is offered at Half Price. Come here today for the toys for Christmas and take advantage of this great offer.

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Silks.	Hand Bags.	Rugs.
Dress Goods.	Handkerchiefs.	Lace Curtains.
Linens.	Fine Underwear.	Portieres.
Blankets.	Suit Cases.	Couch Covers.
Comforters.	Gloves.	Parlor Lamps.
Art Needlework.	Tailor-made Suits.	Fine China.
Fancy Hosiery.	Silk Waists.	Cut Glass.
Neckwear.	Lace Waists.	Felt Slippers.
Combs.	Tailored Waists.	Smart Shoes.
Shirt Waist Sets.	Eiderdown Robes.	Umbrellas.
Hat Pins.	Rich Furs.	
Collar Sets.		

All at 20 Per Cent Discount

## Gift Suggestions of what to Give "Him"

Neckwear.	Suit Cases.	Underwear.
Gloves.	Oxford Bags.	Sweater Coats.
Suspenders.	Dress Shirts.	Hose Supporters.
Umbrellas.	Collars.	Pocket Knives.
Reefers.	Flannel Shirt.	Razors.
Fancy Hosiery.	Night Robes.	Tobacco Jars.
	Hats.	

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## BOY KIDNAPED AND BROUGHT TO COAST

Modesto Boy, Who Left  
Home, to Be Returned  
By Consul.

Stephen Sumegi, the Hungarian boy who ran away from his adopted home in Modesto, has been located on a vineyard near Kingsburg and will be returned to Stanislaus county by the authorities. Attached to the search for the youth is an interesting story which is now being investigated by the Hungarian consul in San Francisco.

The following dispatch to the San Francisco Examiner from Modesto relates the theory that the Hungarian lad might have been kidnapped from the home of his wealthy parents in Cleveland, Ohio, and brought to California against his will:

The Stephen Sumegi, or Stephen Swan, as he is known in this country, the 15-year-old Hungarian boy who ran away from the Hanford home, was kidnapped and brought to California, was developed today.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hanford own a small ranch near Ceres and were recently made the objects of a searching investigation for their treatment of their children, whom they alleged they had adopted. It was shown that they were being mistreated and Charles

Storick, aged 14, and Catherine (Cavand, aged 8, were declared dependent children by the probate court of this county. Young Sumegi ran away shortly before the investigation.

Several days ago Sheriff Dingley received a letter from the Hungarian consul in San Francisco asking the Stanislaus officer to help locate the boy. It seems that the boy's mother has written the Hungarian representative asking him to find the lad, whom she believed was kidnapped from Cleveland two years ago. Sumegi was located in Kingsburg working on a ranch. He tells that he was brought to Stanislaus by the Hanfords and made to work like a slave.

## COMPANIES O-K HOLD JOINT DRILL

Given Preliminary Inspection By Local Officers—Co. C's New Year's Ball.

The two local companies of guardsmen drilled together last night owing to the fact that Company C gave up the Armory hall tonight for the Christmas eve dance.

The companies were given a preliminary inspection by Major G. M. Boles, Lieutenants Neal and Kepley, commanding.

The arrangements for Company C's New Year's eve masquerade are nearly completed, and a list of the prizes for the various classes of costumes, and dances will be published in the near future. Lieutenant Phillips, chairman of the committee, is making elaborate preparations for the decoration of the hall on that occasion.

In addition to the list of prizes already published the following generous donations have been received.

One year's subscription to daily Republican; dental services \$20, Dr. C. E. Phillips; two silver perfume bottles, M. Sater; two dozen handkerchiefs, Kunkava Bros.; one case wine, Calwa Supply Company; one pair gloves, A. Bang Co., Inc.; bust of George Washington, Holland & Holland.

Evidently the affair will long be remembered as a credit to the energy of Company C and the generosity of the Fresno business men.

## PERSONAL MENTION

G. S. McCarten left at 6:10 last evening for Los Angeles and other southern California cities to spend two or three weeks on business and pleasure.

Chris C. Marks and wife leave this morning to spend the holidays in Sacramento and Napa.

## DIED

BOFFA—In Placenta Colony, December 23, 1909, Frank Boffa, a native of Italy aged 68 years.

## DIED

COON—In Arizona Colony, December 23, 1909, Charles M. Coon, a native of Ohio, aged 60 years.

## DE LARA TELLS LARGE AUDIENCE OF BARBARITIES OF DIAZ' RULE



Depleting the barbaric horrors that exist in Mexico, how his countrymen are ground down by President Diaz, and tracing the historical succession of events leading to this state of affairs with a few applications to conditions in the United States, L. Gutierrez de Lara, the Mexican patriot, held the attention of a large crowd of auditors last night at chance hall for more than an hour and a half.

The historical events, which the Mexican patriot narrated, can be summed up in brief as a constant struggle from the time of the French revolution to the present time between the proletariat and the aristocracy, backed up by the army, and the priesthood. For the most part, according to statements by De Lara, the aristocracy have held the upper hand, and the fact that there are 300,000 Mexicans working on the Santa Fe, Southern Pacific and Salt Lake railroads today in the United States he attributes to the barbaric measures used by President Diaz and his followers to suppress the movement of the proletariat for freedom. Hence rather than be kept in bondage in Mexico, and be forced to submit to the inhuman practices of the Mexican government, his countrymen emigrate to the United States.

The consequence of this emigration, according to De Lara, is to throw 300,000 Americans out of employment. These men drift into the jails, are forced to commit crimes, and their wives and daughters have to seek refuge in houses of ill-fame because their husbands cannot get work to support them.

The champion of the Mexican proletariat then drew the dismal picture of American working men being gradually reduced to slavery by the large operations in this country, through low wages, and being forced to pay exorbitant prices for their food out of their wages to the stores of the company that they work for. The speaker said that the average Mexican, who worked for the American railroads, received a daily wage of \$1, but the real wage that he received was 40 cents, due to the fact that he was forced to spend the remainder of the wage in the store of the company.

The plea of De Lara, in substance was that the lands of Mexico belong to the proletariat, and his special mission in life is to try to regain possession of the lands for the working men of his country.

The first movement toward freedom, according to the speaker, started in 1810, when the Mexican people became imbued with the idea of liberty, equality and fraternity of the French revolution. This was the first step toward freedom, which ended in throwing off the yoke of the Spanish rule. Then came the first republic, but that did not recognize the rights of the common people, and it was not until 1857 that a constitution was adopted, the basic principle of which was that no man should be compelled to work without his consent and without just compensation, and furthermore that lands, which were held by the church, should go to the tillers of the soil.

The constitution of 1857 so excited the powers of Europe, according to De Lara, that they decided to put the theories of Metetrich and Canning of the Holy Alliance into practice, and France was delegated to crush the Mexican revolutionary constitution and restore the rule of the bourgeoisie.

This war eventually failed, said the speaker, but it laid the foundation for the ascendancy of Diaz, who wrested the lands from the proletariat, forced

them into the position of common laboring men, and when the factory system came, these men became slaves in order to get enough food to sustain life.

In concluding, the speaker said that at the present time the Mexican jails were filled with intellectual proletariats, who were being slaughtered by order of Diaz, because he was afraid of an uprising that would depose him and his aristocratic following.



## DIAMONDS

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The New Store at 1032 J Street, Fresno, Cal.

## Meat Specials For To-Day Only

### TURKEYS

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The following are a few of our specials for today:

Lard, 5 lbs. - 65c  
Bacon, per lb. - 18c  
Boiling Beef, per lb. 5c

Be sure and see our Christmas display. Unsurpassed in Fresno.

## Empire Market

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## ELECTRIC TABLE LAMPS

We Have Some

## BEAUTIES

Don't fail to see them at our new retail store.

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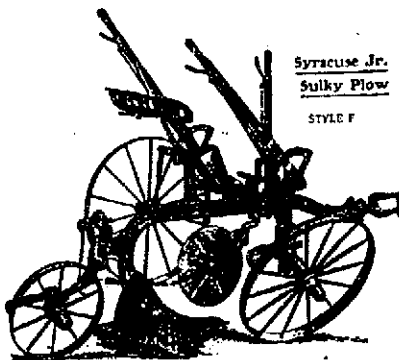
## Christmas Gifts

### Aluminum Kitchen Ware

Since this ware has been reduced, there is nothing that you can get more suitable for the home.

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## This Is Souvenir Implement Day



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Remember this is the day set aside for our friends and customers, old and prospective.

If you are an old customer, come in and let us get acquainted over again. If not, come in and shake hands for acquaintance sake. We want you to know we are always glad to see you whether you are buying or not. Incidentally, we will give away free 100 whips to implement users visiting our store after 9 o'clock.



### SYRACUSE AND IMPERIAL PLOWS—ALL FARM IMPLEMENTS

We will have a full line on the floor for your inspection, as well as buggies and surreys. Come in and look them over if you wish to buy now or later on, even if you only admire our good goods.

You know these plows have the best of staying qualities and they will scour the best, are the lightest draft and strongest built; absolutely correct.

Come in and see us a few minutes anyway.

OUR GOODS

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Capitol Carriage Co.

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FRESNO, CAL.

### IN THE LODGE ROOM.

### GENERAL WASHINGTON COUNCIL.

The attendance at last night's session of General Washington Council No. 42, J. O. P. A., was small owing to the approaching holidays. Brother Yorn provided an entertainment that was very enjoyable to the members present.

### CENTRAL CALIFORNIA LODGE

Central California Lodge No. 143, J. O. P. A., held a short meeting last evening. A committee consisting of Robert Lockhead, N. G. James and W. Banta was appointed to see about new regalia and paraphernalia for the lodge. A committee was also named to prepare for the joint installation of officers on Monday, January 10th.

Several interesting speeches were made by members, under good of the order. Two visitors were present, M. B. Palmer from Monmouth Lodge 417, Monmouth, Illinois, and O. M. Cox of Imperial Lodge 125, Spokane, Wash.





## Two "No Study" Instruments As Ideal Christmas Gifts

Without tedious study the best there is in music can be brought to a whole household by these two great instruments.

### The Victor-Victrola

The Talking Machine with no horn—in outward appearance a graceful cabinet. But within is the wonderful mechanism which produces melody in fuller, richer and purer tones than ever before produced. Two styles, \$125 and \$200.

### The Cecilian Player Piano

The mechanism of this great Player Piano is so direct, the touch so elastic and the adjustment so delicate that the Player Piano becomes a part of yourself—it is you who play. Styles from \$500 to \$1000.

Matinee Player Piano and Victrola Recital Every Afternoon. The Public Cordially Invited.

**Sherman, Clay & Co.**

Steinway and other Pianos  
Victor Talking Machines  
1044 I St., Fresno  
207 N. Court Street, Visalia

## Social and Club News

The yuletide season was most elaborately and very pleasantly celebrated last night at the William Forsyth suburban home, when the ladies of the East Side Country Club entertained their friends. All of the old-time yuletide customs and emblems were introduced into the evening's entertainment, making it quite the most unique and picturesque celebration in which society has participated. There were over a hundred guests present at the festivities, which included both old and young.

The beautiful hall and drawing room of the Forsyth home were gaily hung with mistletoe Christmas wreaths and garlands, the bright red of the holly gleaming in the light of the huge log fire that blazed on the hospitable hearthside. Here the guests were given a cordial welcome by the hostesses and after healths had been drunk in the flowing wassail bowl, everyone was ushered into the evening's living room, where an enormous Christmas tree shone forth in its glory of shimmering candle-lighted, glittering tinsel. There was a small remembrance for each one and the children revelled in the beauties of the tree and its gifts.

The children of the club members stood around the tree and sang some beautiful Christmas carols under the direction of Mrs. A. E. Way. They were most inspiring and made one wish that this pretty custom might never be omitted in the Christmas joys. Later the older members of the club contributed more carols, in which the whole company joined.

Supper down stairs was another feature of this delightful affair. The place de resistance of this yuletide feast was the board's head, which was brought into the banquet hall and exhibited before the banquet. The remainder of the evening was given up to dancing in the spacious hall upstairs. This was by far the most elaborate and unusual Christmas celebration that society has enjoyed, and the country club ladies are surely to be congratulated upon their success in arranging the affair. The real spirit of Christmas pervaded the air and made one feel that the myths and legends connected with this joyous season are tinged with a heartful hospitality and a feeling of good will towards men.

Among the club members who worked very earnestly towards the celebration were Mrs. William Forsyth, Mrs. Hector Burrows, Mrs. George Beveridge, Mrs. Edward Elliott, Mrs. William Reanne, Mrs. A. E. Way, Mrs. George Rooding, Mrs. Will Kennedy, Mrs. George Helm, Mrs. E. B. Rogers, Mrs. Frank Dalton and several others.

Miss Helen Boyd is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Boyd. Miss Boyd teaches in the San Jose High school. Her sister, Miss Julia Boyd, is at home from Mills College for her Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Cutter and three sons are down from Berkeley to spend the holidays with Mrs. Cutter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kennedy.

### TO PALE, THIN PEOPLE

The Patterson Block Pharmacy Offer to Pay for Samose if it Does Not Make Thin People Fat.

Samose, the remarkable flesh forming food, should be used by all who are pale, weak and thin. It mingles with the food and aids assimilation, so that when taken for a short time Nature will soon assert her normal powers and the food that is eaten will give strength and good flesh.

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Such remarkable results have followed the use of Samose that the Patterson Block Pharmacy is willing to pay for the treatment, if it does not give the desired results. They make this offer generally and want all who are thin, weak and out of health to get a box of Samose from them on those terms.

Mrs. Jerry Baker left yesterday for Oakland to spend the holidays with her son and daughter there.

Mrs. Harvey B. Mount, formerly Miss Maud McVey, is down from Oakland to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

The girls of the Lambda Theta Phi and Delta Phi Chi societies showed a real Christmas spirit yesterday in the assistance which they gave the teachers of the public kindergarten, Miss Houston and Miss Nason, in providing for the sixty children of the kindergarten a Christmas tree with its accompanying toys and bonbons.

It was the first tree that some of these little folks had ever seen, and the beaming faces of this little company were thanks enough for all the effort that had been made in their behalf. The children first gave a program of songs and recitations and then presented to their parents the gifts they had made for them. These were hung on the pretty Christmas tree, which glistered with its bright ornaments and lights and hung heavy with bags of candy and nuts and toys.

Miss Imo Dickinson, Miss Lillian Dunn and Mrs. Harry Craycroft trimmed the tree. Mrs. Anne Newman sent the candy, Mrs. Walter Shoemaker gave oranges, Mrs. M. W. Muller, a box of apples, and all of the Lambda and Phi girls contributed towards the fund for toys with the assistance of orphan friends, all of whom seemed eager to do their share in this good work.

Leslie Clark made a very lively Kris Kringle, performing all sorts of antics to the delight of the children. They were a trifle awed at first by the unexpected visit from this good-natured old chap, but he very soon won their friendship and they crowded about him to receive their gifts. Each little girl had a doll and a doll chair, each boy had a horn and drum and every child was given a bag of candy, an apple and an orange. So they went home as happy as kings. Their teachers feel very grateful to the kind friends who took such an interest in their little charges. A part of the fund collected was given to the Columbia school for its first grade Christmas tree. The toys and fruit left over was given to Mr. Stauffer of the parental school to be judiciously distributed to deserving children.

Christmas has been a brighter season to some of these dear children than it otherwise would.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Gunter leave for Oakland this morning to spend the holidays.

Each year the children of the First Methodist Episcopal Sunday school put on a cantata under the direction of Mrs. R. T. Hall. Mrs. Hall seems to have a particular genius for arranging music and teaching it to the children. So under her very able management the Sunday School enjoys at Christmas time a beautiful Christmas cantata.

This year she introduced the Cook-Perry idea, telling the story that Santa Claus cannot visit the children this year, as he has been ousted from his North Pole home by the explorers and is busy moving. Little Jack Frost (Lawrence Hall) cheers the children up by telling them that he will make up by telling them that he will make a personal application to Santa Claus to make his annual visit. And so in due time Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus (Mr. and Mrs. Gus Anderson) appear with their troop of toy makers and fairies prepared to make the children happy.

Rev. Charles Coke Woods wrote some very beautiful Christmas verses which were used in the cantata and added immensely to the beauty of the cantata.

The cantata opened with a lovely lullaby chorus, sung by the little tots of the kindergarten age under 5 years. They appeared in their "nightgowns" ready to hang their stockings by the fireplace for Santa to fill. The fireplaces was a very realistic looking affair and formed the conspicuous feature of the stage setting. Little Sadie Barker, a gifted little singer, sang the song, "Waiting for Santa Claus," very sweetly.

Miss Daisy Wheeler, as president of the Ladies Aid Society, filled an important role that was left vacant at the last moment by the illness of Miss Lora Russell and filled it with much credit. Miss Pearl Brooks made a beautiful Frost Queen and spoke her lines beautifully. The seasons were represented by Miss Hazel Fisher (spring), Miss Paul Smith (summer), Miss Florence Pierson (autumn) and Miss Zetta Jinks (winter).

Miss Myrtle Witham had an important part as Columbia and several very beautiful solos fell to the lot of this gifted young songstress. Miss May Devoe sang "Night and Day" and Miss Mary Hanner as Dawn were effectively costumed and added to the pretty picture.

Carl Lisenby made an inimitable toy maker, Ko-Ko, and furnished much of the comedy with his elfin train. A fascinating chorus of snow fairies accompanied Jack Frost. Miss Edith Kuyes was cast for the Sunday school teacher, another prominent role. Faith was represented by Miss Maude Knapp, Hope by Annie Duncan and Charity by Florence Marshall.

Miss Maude Hohmann gave valuable assistance in leading the choruses; Professor Hastings, leading the orchestra and presiding at the pipe orchestra and choruses and Mrs. Hall as general director is to be heartily congratulated upon her successful management of the 350 children under her care.

A beautiful spectacular and musical feature of the cantata was the chorus of angels singing Christmas carols. Miss Ena Devoe presided at the piano. The music was all pretty and the choruses especially well rendered. Besides giving the members of the church and congregation a delightful evening, the occasion served to swell the coffers of the Missionary Society, for the children brought stockings filled with the littlest dime and pennies which they have been saving for the past three weeks. The contents of these little stockings were emptied into one large stocking.

The cantata was an unqualified success and the church was crowded with interested friends of the children to applaud their efforts.

### PAIR OF GLOVES MAKES 2 PRESENTS

Clerk Ewing Has No Right Arm and Auditor Barnum Has No Left.

Chief Deputy County Assessor Chase H. Sayre, the unusual man at the county house, covered himself with glory yesterday, playing the part of Santa Claus, and accomplished in a unique manner the task of killing two birds with one stone.

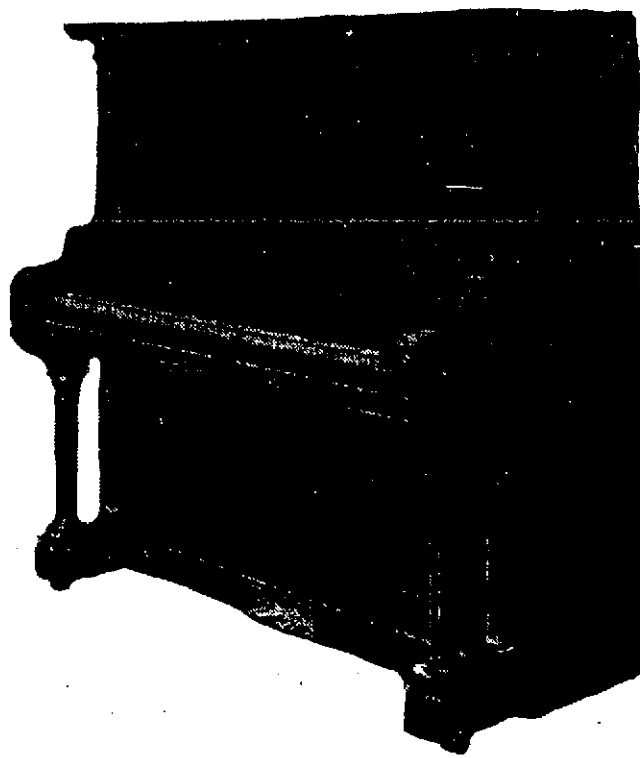
Sayre has such a reputation about town and the house of his appearance in any office is regarded with as much suspicion and dread of what may be expected to follow in train as the presentation of a "Buster Brown" with his dog "Tige." Here's how he "done it" yesterday.

Sayre bought a pair of fine kid dressed gloves and made it do as a Christmas present to County Auditor Barnum and Supervisors Clerk (Bill) Ewing, putting up the gloves in neat burlap bags folded addressed and done up with gummed stamps to keep the packages intact.

Ewing has no right arm so he re-

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### CHINESE DIPLOMAT SEES THE SUBWAYS

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Wu Ting Pang, retiring Chinese minister to the United States, came to New York today expressly to inspect the passenger train tunnels under the Hudson river which connect Manhattan with the Jersey side. Dr. Wu displayed his well known propensity for asking questions and when the tour was finished a member of the party said: "Dr. Wu has the man from Missouri looking like a deaf and dumb man when it comes to a matter of 'show me'."

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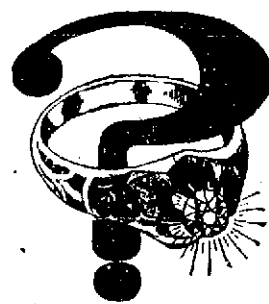
NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.  
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the California Oil Roads Company will be held at the office of the company, 1044 Tulare St., Fresno, Cal., at 1 p. m., January 2, 1910.

E. C. ALBOP,  
Secretary.

### OFFICE CLOSED.

The office of the Fresno County Abstract Company will be closed today from 2:30 until 3:30 o'clock p. m. on account of the funeral of the late W. H. McKee.

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# NEWS OF EVENTS IN REALM OF SPORT

## TULARE "DEAF MUTES" WILL PLAY A RETURN BATTLE AT FOWLER ON CHRISTMAS DAY

FOWLER, Dec. 23.—A big game is assured here on Christmas day when the Fowler Tigers clash with the Tulare "Deaf Mutes." These pigskin chasers have met before, the Tigers journeying to Tulare and administering a 5 to 0 defeat to the "Dummies." The local football boys have had some diligent practice during the past ten days and the huskies show up better than at any time this season. The team is greatly strengthened by the return of Half-Back, Tiburn and McCune. A report has been received from Tulare that the Deaf Mutes have some new players in their lineup and the organization will be the strongest in its history.

Interest in the big game is at fever heat and every indication points to a record-breaking attendance. The fans are hoping for propitious weather, as the Thanksgiving day game with the Fresno Reliance eleven was marred by a heavy downpour of rain, the noise of the crowd being drowned in a veritable sea of mud. However, the grounds are now in splendid shape and if no more rain is received, the field will be fast as a bullet on next Saturday.

Extra precautions have been taken to accommodate a huge crowd, and as the field is level and made of tough soil it will, with a little renovating, furnish a scene for fast football. A football club has been formed here during the past week and the followers of the great college game are expected to turn out in large numbers to witness the struggle.

The battle will be under way at 2:30 p. m. Both teams are confident of victory and every inch of ground will be stubbornly fought for. The Tulare eleven has an enviable reputation for speed and Captain Stuart Evans is considered one of the best punters in the San Joaquin valley. The locals expect to win by their superior weight, however. Captain Stewart of the Fowler aggregation announces his lineup, as follows:

Van Horn, left end; Griffin, left tackle; Burkland, left tackle; Young, center; Mason or Darling, right guard; Lovely, right tackle; Allison or Eberberger, right end; Vance, quarterback; Tibburn, left half; Sigward, fullback; McCune, right half.

## BUGG'S BREEZY BASEBALL BABBLE

Four of the twenty-three pitchers claimed by the New York Americans for 1910 are left-handers.

John Rudderham, trainer of the Phillies, is in charge of the Illinois "Varsity" football men this fall.

Andy Coakley, the former Chicago pitcher, is keeping himself busy in New York this winter practicing delivery and running a "big league" indoor baseball team.

Catcher Doolin of the Phillies and Jim McCool, an old ministerial man, have doubled up and are playing vaudeville houses in the East with a singing and dancing turn.

Pitcher George Upp has been returned to Columbus by Cleveland. Upp is good in the American Association, but has always failed in major league company.

The Washington American club has challenged the Phillies for a spring series to be played when the Quakers have finished their training in Southern Pines and are returning north. The two teams have not met for six years.

Among the bunch of ball players now playing in Cuba under the name of "Americans," are Brown and Jose, pitchers; Catcher Archer, Outfielder Magee, Firstbaseman Merkle, Outfielder Lelievre and Secondbaseman Schaefer.

The New York Press the other day published a circumstantial story to the effect that Johnny Evers had finally decided to retire from baseball and devote his entire time to his Troy shoe store. In a signed statement Evers emphatically denies the story and adds that he has signed with Chicago for next season and expects "to play not only next season, but a few seasons afterwards."

President Comiskey announces that the veteran White Sox pitchers will probably do some of their training at Paso Robles, Cal., where there are hot springs. The place is not far from San Francisco, and the scheme is to send the veterans there while the youngsters are working in some of the earlier exhibition games.—Sporting Life.

Shortstop Mike Doolan has already

been appointed the Phillies' 1910 captain.

A Philadelphia fan will rise to remark that the best winter sport in his whereabouts is selling the Phillies.

"This said that Turfman J. E. Bartlett, who raced Live Wire and other fast ones on the Eastern track last season, bought Jack Dunn in his purchase of the Baltimore club.

Bill Clymer, who won a couple of American Association pennants for Columbus, has taken over a controlling interest in the Wilkes-Barre club and will manage the team himself.

Charles Doolin, the Phillies' peppery catcher, who in game seven hit, has doubled up with Tommy McCool, the veteran ministerial man, and the two are showing in the Eastern vaudeville houses.

According to a Philadelphia real estate dealer, Horace Fogel was able to get backing in his effort to purchase the Phillies on the strength of an option on the baseball grounds which he obtained last summer.

When world powers quit building dreadnaughts the warriors in baseball will still be demolishing each other's strongholds. The beauty about the baseball war game is that it is always confined to a few weeks in the year.

Andy Coakley, the Reds' old pitcher, is wintering in New York. He has built his team in the Eastern states in indoor bouts. Jack Kleinow, Tim Jordan, Johnny Evers, "Heinie" Zimmerman, Willie Keeler and George Brown.

A Minneapolis critic has just taken a lovely fall out of "Young Cy" Young, the ex-Bostonian graduate having been plucked by Comiskey. The Minneapolis men say "Cy" twirled great ball for a while, but that he laid down when the real race was on.

President Fogel has architects working on some new stands at the Philadelphia park. A big pitcher is contemplated for left field, which will sweep from the end of the grandstand in semicircular form clearly round to the club house. The grand stand will also be enlarged.

## NEW GROUNDS FOR STATE LEAGUE CLUB IN SACRAMENTO

According to a special dispatch in the San Francisco Call, the Sacramento Coast and State League clubs next year will be installed in new \$25,000 grounds. Ed Kripp, former manager of the old CHS Eagers, has offered to invest the sum at his grounds just south of the city, and promises that his stands and grounds will be the finest on the coast. The baseball people have about accepted his offer, and a definite settlement will be reached shortly. The new stands will seat 4500 people. Good car service has been assured by two companies.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Three members of the Chicago Americans were disposed of today by President Charles A. Comiskey. Pitcher Plene was sent back to the Minneapolis American Association team and Outfielder Johnson and Infielder Rowan were returned to the Peoria Three I League team.

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## CY MOREING THINKS BEN HENDERSON WILL GET REINSTATEMENT

STOCKTON, Dec. 23.—Cy Moreing, Jr., State League baseball magnate, arrived home today from the East. He says he secured the practical reinstatement of Ben Henderson.

"Although his case was not officially passed upon," said Moreing, "Garry Herrmann, John Heydler and Ben Johnson of the National Commission promised me that it would be done. Cleveland made a strong pull to get him reinstated. A deal was framed whereby Cleveland will get Henderson next year and McCrele of Portland, who held a claim on Henry, and I will get some money."

"I asked that Pfel be awarded to the Stockton club outright so that the local directors would be free to dispose of him to whoever they might choose. In view of the fact that I induced Tommy Sheehan and Elmer Stricklett to play in the State League this season, thereby making 'business' I argued that they be awarded to Brooklyn with complete reinstatement of 'Bap' Smith, claimed by Chicago, and Joe Nealon, claimed by Pittsburgh."

"They promised me that they would take up the players' cases as soon as the presidency was determined."

## DOUBLE KNOCKOUT WOULD PUZZLE REFEREE

Discussion has been raised in London as to what a referee would do in the case of a double knockout.

This almost happened the other day in a contest between Everdeen and Meekins. Three, they both landed at the same time each man going down, Everdeen stayed, Meekins managed to crawl onto his legs, when the referee had counted eight, and, of course, gained the award.

But what would have happened, some one wants to know, if neither had been able to get up, before the ten seconds had elapsed? One commentator is of the opinion that the contest could not have been given as a draw because both men had been knocked out, and consequently beaten, and there seems to be some who incline that such a fight could only be given as a draw, which would have to be resumed at a later period.

## TWO EXPERT BILLIARD PLAYERS WHO WILL CROSS CUES FOR CHANCE AT 18.2 TITLE



After figuring for more than two years to have the rules governing championship billiard matches revised to suit his own particular notions, Willie Hoppe the youthful expert, recently capitulated to the so-called trust and with the Morningstar, another "insurgent," signed a contract pledging himself to renew the old allegiance with the powers that be. This removes the last bar in the way of a match between Hoppe and Albert Demarest, the winner of the recent tournament for the 18.2 ball line title. Though he has given up his right, Hoppe will find himself balked. Demarest has already agreed to meet Harry Cline for the title at Chicago on February 1, 2 and 3, and when the word was passed that Hoppe was withdrawing and would probably play the rule book, the winner of the match between Demarest and Cline will have sixty days in which to make up his mind to play Cline or to play Hoppe. This would put off any match with Hoppe until away along in June. It is hardly probable that a game at that time of the year would appeal to either the players or the promoters, so it is almost a certainty that Hoppe will be forced to wait until next fall for a chance at Demarest. In many quarters it is claimed that Hoppe has lost some of his skill that made him famous. However, his game with Morningstar will surely show whether he has or not.

## FIFTEEN TO ONE SHOT WINS SALINAS HANDICAP FROM A FIELD OF FIVE SPRINTERS

OAKLAND, Dec. 23.—Hamper proved to be the cleverest sprinter at Emeryville, when he won the Salinas Handicap in fast time today. He was the outsider in a field of five, going to the post at 15 to 1, while Cloudlight ruled favorite. There also took place a plunge on South, known as the Hamper, to the front and he led all the way.

Hossler added another to her list of victories when she won the third.

RESULTS:

First race, five and a half furlongs, purse—\$100, 112 (Gloss), 3 to 2, won; Peide of Lismore, 112 (Matthews), 3 to 1, second; Canton, 101 (Cotton), 20 to 1, third. Time 1:38.3. Second race, six furlongs, selling—\$100, 112 (Gloss), 3 to 2, won; Peide of Lismore, 112 (Matthews), 3 to 1, second; Canton, 101 (Cotton), 20 to 1, third. Time 1:38.3. Third race, six furlongs, selling—\$100, 112 (Gloss), 3 to 2, won; Peide of Lismore, 112 (Matthews), 3 to 1, second; Canton, 101 (Cotton), 20 to 1, third. Time 1:38.3. Fourth race, six furlongs, selling—\$100, 112 (Gloss), 3 to 2, won; Peide of Lismore, 112 (Matthews), 3 to 1, second; Canton, 101 (Cotton), 20 to 1, third. Time 1:38.3. Fifth race, six furlongs, selling—\$100, 112 (Gloss), 3 to 2, won; Peide of Lismore, 112 (Matthews), 3 to 1, second; Canton, 101 (Cotton), 20 to 1, third. Time 1:38.3. Sixth race, six furlongs, selling—\$100, 112 (Gloss), 3 to 2, won; Peide of Lismore, 112 (Matthews), 3 to 1, second; Canton, 101 (Cotton), 20 to 1, third. Time 1:38.3.

Seventh race, six furlongs, selling—\$100, 112 (Gloss), 3 to 2, won; Peide of Lismore, 112 (Matthews), 3 to 1, second; Canton, 101 (Cotton), 20 to 1, third. Time 1:38.3. Eighth race, six furlongs, selling—\$100, 112 (Gloss), 3 to 2, won; Peide of Lismore, 112 (Matthews), 3 to 1, second; Canton, 101 (Cotton), 20 to 1, third. Time 1:38.3. Ninth race, six furlongs, selling—\$100, 112 (Gloss), 3 to 2, won; Peide of Lismore, 112 (Matthews), 3 to 1, second; Canton, 101 (Cotton), 20 to 1, third. Time 1:38.3. Tenth race, six furlongs, selling—\$100, 112 (Gloss), 3 to 2, won; Peide of Lismore, 112 (Matthews), 3 to 1, second; Canton, 101 (Cotton), 20 to 1, third. Time 1:38.3.

Eleventh race, six furlongs, selling—\$100, 112 (Gloss), 3 to 2, won; Peide of Lismore, 112 (Matthews), 3 to 1, second; Canton, 101 (Cotton), 20 to 1, third. Time 1:38.3. Twelfth race, six furlongs, selling—\$100, 112 (Gloss), 3 to 2, won; Peide of Lismore, 112 (Matthews), 3 to 1, second; Canton, 101 (Cotton), 20 to 1, third. Time 1:38.3. Thirteenth race, six furlongs, selling—\$100, 112 (Gloss), 3 to 2, won; Peide of Lismore, 112 (Matthews), 3 to 1, second; Canton, 101 (Cotton), 20 to 1, third. Time 1:38.3. Fourteenth race, six furlongs, selling—\$100, 112 (Gloss), 3 to 2, won; Peide of Lismore, 112 (Matthews), 3 to 1, second; Canton, 101 (Cotton), 20 to 1, third. Time 1:38.3. Fifteenth race, six furlongs, selling—\$100, 112 (Gloss), 3 to 2, won; Peide of Lismore, 112 (Matthews), 3 to 1, second; Canton, 101 (Cotton), 20 to 1, third. Time 1:38.3.

Sixteenth race, six furlongs, selling—\$100, 112 (Gloss), 3 to 2, won; Peide of Lismore, 112 (Matthews), 3 to 1, second; Canton, 101 (Cotton), 20 to 1, third. Time 1:38.3. Seventeenth race, six furlongs, selling—\$100, 112 (Gloss), 3 to 2, won; Peide of Lismore, 112 (Matthews), 3 to 1, second; Canton, 101 (Cotton), 20 to 1, third. Time 1:38.3. Eighteenth race, six furlongs, selling—\$100, 112 (Gloss), 3 to 2, won; Peide of Lismore, 112 (Matthews), 3 to 1, second; Canton, 101 (Cotton), 20 to 1, third. Time 1:38.3. Nineteenth race, six furlongs, selling—\$100, 112 (Gloss), 3 to 2, won; Peide of Lismore, 112 (Matthews), 3 to 1, second; Canton, 101 (Cotton), 20 to 1, third. Time 1:38.3. Twentieth race, six furlongs, selling—\$100, 112 (Gloss), 3 to 2, won; Peide of Lismore, 112 (Matthews), 3 to 1, second; Canton, 101 (Cotton), 20 to 1, third. Time 1:38.3.

Twenty-first race, six furlongs, selling—\$100, 112 (Gloss), 3 to 2, won; Peide of Lismore, 112 (Matthews), 3 to 1, second; Canton, 101 (Cotton), 20 to 1, third. Time 1:38.3. Twenty-second race, six furlongs, selling—\$100, 112 (Gloss), 3 to 2, won; Peide of Lismore, 112 (Matthews), 3 to 1, second; Canton, 101 (Cotton), 20 to 1, third. Time 1:38.3. Twenty-third race, six furlongs, selling—\$100, 112 (Gloss), 3 to 2, won; Peide of Lismore, 112 (Matthews), 3 to 1, second; Canton, 101 (Cotton), 20 to 1, third. Time 1:38.3. Twenty-fourth race, six furlongs, selling—\$100, 112 (Gloss), 3 to 2, won; Peide of Lismore, 112 (Matthews), 3 to 1, second; Canton, 101 (Cotton), 20 to 1, third. Time 1:38.3. Twenty-fifth race, six furlongs, selling—\$100, 112 (Gloss), 3 to 2, won; Peide of Lismore, 112 (Matthews), 3 to 1, second; Canton, 101 (Cotton), 20 to 1, third. Time 1:38.3.

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Forty-first race, six furlongs, selling—\$100, 112 (Gloss), 3 to 2, won; Peide of Lismore, 112 (Matthews), 3 to 1, second; Canton, 101 (Cotton), 20 to 1, third. Time 1:38.3. Forty-second race, six furlongs, selling—\$100, 112 (Gloss), 3 to 2, won; Peide of Lismore, 112 (Matthews), 3 to 1, second; Canton, 101 (Cotton), 20 to 1, third. Time 1:38.3. Forty-third race, six furlongs, selling—\$100, 112 (Gloss), 3 to 2, won; Peide of Lismore, 112 (Matthews), 3 to 1, second; Canton, 101 (Cotton), 20 to 1, third. Time 1:38.3. Forty-fourth race, six furlongs, selling—\$100, 112 (Gloss), 3 to 2, won; Peide of Lismore, 112 (Matthews), 3 to 1, second; Canton, 101 (Cotton), 20 to 1, third. Time 1:38.3. Forty-fifth race, six furlongs, selling—\$100, 112 (Gloss), 3 to 2, won; Peide of Lismore, 112 (Matthews), 3 to 1, second; Canton, 101 (Cotton), 20 to 1, third. Time 1:38.3.

## MUCH WILL DEPEND ON PRESIDENT'S ACTION

It Is Now Up to Aero Club Leader to Sanction Los Angeles Meet.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Cortland Field Bishop, president of the Aero Club of America, today was awaiting documents from the Aero Club of California in order to decide the sanctioning of the big Los Angeles meet next month.

The action of the board of directors yesterday was to authorize Mr. Bishop to sanction the meet if, in his judgment, the rules of the International Aeronautical Federation and of the Aero Club of America governing such contests are not violated.

The directors expressly directed the president not to sanction any event conducted purely as an exhibition by paid aviators. While this clause has not been defined clearly several of the directors said unofficially it probably meant that if Glenn H. Curtiss made a demonstration flight at Los Angeles for \$10,000 he would be disciplined by the board later.

The rule does not affect an exhibition flight by Louis Quaden, as he does not hold a pilot's license. From other the International of American Associations. No licensed pilot will be permitted to take part in any exhibition or competition with an unlicensed pilot.

This is to be definite, so far as possible, and professional.

The Aero Club of America understands President Bishop is authorized to sanction any part of the Los Angeles show, provided he is convinced it is legitimate sport.

As every event is said to include contestants who are paid salaries for their services, it is anticipated there will be some trouble.

The entries, list of prizes and other information are said to be on the way from Los Angeles and Mr. Bishop is awaiting them before making a definite decision.

PLAYERS RELEASED. NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The following releases have been approved by the National League:

By Boston: Unconditionally, Alfred Shaw; to Sioux City Western League, Fred B. Sten.

## JACK JOHNSON TRAINS ON BEER AND CHAMPAGNE AND JEFF--WELL, GUESS WHAT?

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—As a nation, enthusiasm in Americans is proverbial, but it is safe to say that never in our history has there been a sporting event which has aroused such widespread interest and produced so much in discussion in all classes as the coming fight for the championship of the world between James J. Jeffries and John Johnson. Everywhere in New York one hears "Johnson or Jeffries?" says the Wall Street Journal. It was at the high tide of this great wave of enthusiasm which swept the country, calculating when the final details were arranged between the principals and promoters, that I was enabled to go over both of these giants with the tape measure and make various other examinations.

Looking at the men superficially, Jeffries seemed more symmetrical and more pleasing to the eye, because of Johnson's high shoulders, behind which the large muscles of the back are piled up and which make him in that graceful pose which we see in so many of our athletes.

But these high shoulders, with the excess of muscles in front and behind, are there strictly for business, and while not so agreeable artistically, will count for much on the great day. I went over Jeffries in his dressing room at the Madison Square Garden last after he had finished skipping the rope.

On Friday morning, just as Johnson rose from his bed, I went carefully over with the Athlete's Club this morning.

WHAT THE TAPE SAYS.

Jeffries, Johnson  
Age ..... 34 ..... 31  
Weight ..... 225 ..... 192  
Height standing ..... 6'9 1/2 ..... 6'11 1/2  
Circumference of chest ..... 47 1/2 in ..... 47 1/2 in  
Circumference of upper chest ..... 44 in ..... 44 in  
Circumference of waist ..... 37 1/2 in ..... 34 in  
Circumference of upper arm ..... 14 1/2 in ..... 14 1/2 in  
Circumference of shoulder ..... 15 1/2 in ..... 15 1/2 in  
Circumference of forearm ..... 12 1/2 in ..... 12 1/2 in  
Circumference of thigh ..... 21 in ..... 21 in  
Circumference of calf ..... 17 in ..... 17 in  
Breadth of waist ..... 16 1/2 in ..... 16 1/2 in

To summarize, in physical measurements, the men are about as even as any one could wish to see. Jeffries has the call in height, weight and reach. Johnson has it in youth, agility and lack of nervous temperament. Of the two Johnson is decidedly the better muscle build.

From just records of the two men, it would seem that Jeffries may deliver the harder blow, and he is to win at all he must get his punch in early in the game or his younger and more agile adversary will wear him down. But he will have to be most accurate, slowly quick to get to Johnson, as the latter's footwork and backward spring cannot be beaten.

Furthermore, Johnson will be able to withstand the head blows the latter, Johnson never flinches; he cuts any thing that appeals to him up to the

## "SLIVERS" HENLEY NOT TO PLAY EAST

Danny Long Wants Him for 1910 Club; Will Miss Red Davis.

"Slivers" Henley, the 1909 star twirler of the Coast League, is destined for another year with the San Francisco Seals, according to Danny Long, Long promised Henley at the beginning of last season that he would not stand in his way. In making his big league company, but Daniel has decided that he needs Henley to steady the Seals next year, and is sold to stand ready to give the Sacramento twirler as much gold dust as he could get by playing in the big league.

The loss of Henley, however, along with Eddie Zeller and "Red" Davis, caused the Seals to take this stand in order to keep the Seals in the running next year. The obligations to Henley, caused by promises early in the season will be over-ruled, in tables, as a substantial increase in his monthly stipend. He does not know if Henley will take kind to the change in plans. The Oakland club has several at this time to Henley.

## FOOTBALL CAPTAIN GETS "CAN" TIED ON

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 23.—The election of J. J. Miller of Detroit as captain of the University of Michigan football eleven has been repudiated. Miller's "letter M" have been recalled and letters of apology have been sent to the university, against which Miller played, because of the discovery that Miller was not enrolled in any classes.

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## FINDING NO GOLD, LYALL QUICKLY THREW UP HIS OPTION

Lane Secures Divorce on Cross-Complaint Against Wife.

District Court Sees Ready Way to Dodge Issue in Appeal Case.

Judge Austin took up accommodation yesterday another trial installment of the case of M. S. McClung as assignee against the Paradise Gold Mining Company of Santa Barbara county to foreclose twelve mineral claims on fifteen mine locations on Elysian Creek at Triunfo in this county. The trial was taken up place-named because of the appearance of Dr. Robert Lyall, the supposed promoter of the mine, who was an absentee non-resident witness on Wednesday, also to permit his son, Hugh Lyall, the bookkeeper at the mine, to depart on a journey to Seattle, Wash.

It would appear from statements made in connection with the case that Dr. Lyall entered upon the prospecting of the mines with the expectancy of panning out 45 of gold out of every hundred cubic yard of soil. The son will not say that the mine was "saltd," but he does declare that gold in small quantities was found only in spots on

the exposed creek bank and nowhere else where any washings were made. Dr. Lyall testified that he had an option to buy 25,000 shares of the company's stock at 15 cents a share, with the privilege of going on the ground to prospect it. The doctor stated yesterday that Superintendent Simmeck was interested with him to the extent of one-third in the option, in consideration of his supplying the funds for the wages of the men employed to do the preliminary prospecting work.

The witness stated that the piping and one mile of fluming were repaired and running was done, only to do some practical hydraulicking, and the one and only purpose of this preliminary work was to ascertain from personal observation whether he would exercise his option.

"And you never did exercise that option?"

"I never did."

"And you found very little gold?"

"Very little," with a smile.

"So little that the company never received any?"

"That is so."

The option agreement permitted prospecting work on condition that prospectors and mine owning company share equally in the gold product.

Dr. Lyall also acknowledged that he had promised the twelve miners to pay them and that they worked under his direction and knew Simmeck was interested with him in some way in the venture.

There was also testimony of the posting at the mines of an official notice by the mining company that it was not responsible for the cost of the prospecting work. Such a notice was also recorded with the county recorder last May.

With this the testimony at hand was practically closed and the further trial went over until the fifth of next month.

For the plaintiff offer was made of the liens and the assignment to which objection was made on various grounds, one of which was that the character of the work testified to have been done was not such as defined in the statute as development and for which the miner can put on a lien on the property.

Judge Austin said that this was the crucial point in the case but he reserved his ruling until the case should have been submitted, the testimony taken pursuant to an irregular course to accommodate witnesses that they may not have to be recalled next month.

**LANE DIVORCE CASE.**

The family troubles of Lucile Lane and A. H. Lane, the saloonkeeper, closed in an unexpected ending with a divorce granted him yesterday on the ground of desertion on the 4th of November, 1937. The divorce was on his cross-complaint. The wife was not represented in the case, save by an answer denying the cross-complaint charge.

The Lanes were married at Burbank in Los Angeles county on the 24th of June, 1937. The cross-complaint on which the divorce was granted accompanied his answer to her complaint for a separate maintenance. In that complaint she accused him of having abandoned her on the 12th of last March, and pretending that he desired a reconciliation he called upon her at Burbank to make a settlement of property rights and after visiting respective lawyers in Los Angeles she signed what she says she supposed was a deed, but which proved to be a document purporting to take from her all future right of alimony and support in consideration of his deeding to her what she alleged, were lots in Tulare of little value. She asked for \$75 monthly alimony.

The domestic affairs of the Lanes

were first brought to public notice by her suit for divorce. This was dismissed upon stipulation after the supposed reconciliation to be followed, however shortly after by this action for separate maintenance which had the ending of yesterday. Her attorney in Los Angeles had notice of the trial set down for yesterday but no one appeared to make a contest for her.

**DODGED THE ISSUE.**

Word of a decision has been received from the district court of appeals in the case of Ralph Brown vs. A. Hamberger which went up on a ruling on an application for a writ of prohibition. The point on which a ruling was sought was whether the city police judge of Fresno can sit for a township justice of the peace.

The appellate court decided without touching the vital issue, holding that prohibition was not the remedy because there was an appeal from whatever judgment the lower court might have given in the original case of Brown as assignee of Grant Falkenstein suing Hamberger for a photograph and jewelry.

The case was originally before Justice Smith, but he went on a trip to Tennessee and transferred the case to Police Judge Briggs. The writ of prohibition was sued out in the superior court in behalf of Hamberger and Judge Church decided against the petitioner. Finally Justice Smith returned, a change of venue was sought, the case again assigned to Briggs and judgment was given as sued for.

Hamberger having denied his bondsmen have had to make the judgment good. Attorney Klett conducted the litigation for Brown and Stanton L. Carter for the defendant. But the point in the case is still undecided.

**BENT TO SAN QUENTIN.**

E. J. Fitch, misadventurously guilty to the charge of forger, was sentenced by Judge Church to imprisonment at San Quentin for one year. He drew a \$12 check on the Bank of Central California payable to himself on the 8th of last month, signing the name of his step-father, and cashing it with E. B. Bieleberg. Lendancy was shown the prisoner because he is not mentally strong. Parole privileges could not well be granted him, because once before he was in trouble for drawing a check on a bank which he had no credit there. The step-father compromised that affair.

**DIVORCED FOR DESERTION.**

Judge Austin divorced Sherman L. Heck from Leo Heck, because of her desertion in Los Angeles in May, 1936. She defaulted. It was in evidence that the couple was temperamentally unfitted to live together and according to the deposition of a water rate collector in the southern city, who had known the couple for years, she had stated to him that she would never return to live with her husband because he was not congenial to her.

**COURT NOTES.**

Stipulation has been entered into in the divorce case of Bernard Alberti against Patricia B. Haslam for the withdrawal from evidence of an insurance policy put up by the defendant.

The suit brought a few days ago by Richard H. Hankins against the National Casualty Company to recover a sick benefit has been dismissed by stipulation.

Annie Alberti has brought suit for divorce from Bernard Alberti.

**HUESTON DEFENDS TITLE OPPONENT MAKES A RECORD RUN**

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Thomas Hueston of St. Louis successfully defended his title of pool champion of the world against Benjamin Allen of Kansas City in the three days' match, which ended tonight, winning by a net score of 600 to 581.

Allen won tonight's match by a large lead, in which he broke the world's record for a run, scoring 85, the former record being 78, held by Grant Eby since 1932. Allen's score tonight was 255. Hueston had 187.

**TWO ATHLETES ARE INDEFINITELY FIRED**

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Melvin Sheppard, champion middle distance runner, and William J. Hayes of St. George's Catholic Club of this city, were indefinitely suspended tonight by the governors of the military athletic league of Philadelphia.

The league is affiliated with the A. A. U., which must also suspend them under terms of its agreement with the Philadelphia body. The men were scheduled for a race here on December 11, at a meet arranged by the league. Both refused to run.

**CALIFORNIA BANK CLEARINGS**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Bank clearings for the week ending at noon today were as follows, according to the California Promotion Committee figures:

San Francisco \$4,535,119, a gain of 27 per cent over corresponding figures for 1935.

Los Angeles \$14,082,021, a gain of 25 per cent.

Oakland \$2,201,372, a gain of 30 per cent.

San Jose \$254,160, a gain of 3.7 per cent.

Stockton \$615,535, a gain of 22.2 per cent.

Fresno \$740,181, a gain of 37.2 per cent.

San Diego \$1,004,620, a gain of 58.6 per cent.

No figures received from Sacramento.

## WOMAN'S DEATH DUE TO ACCIDENT, BELIEF

Mrs. Whiteaker Drank Toilet Preparations to Get the Alcohol.

PORTERVILLE, Dec. 23.—Investigation which has been conducted by the officers for the past two days in regard to the death of Mrs. R. W. Whiteaker, has resulted in the belief that her death was the result of accident instead of suicide.

There was some suspicion that the husband knew more of the death than he was willing to tell or admit but this belief has been abandoned. Since the death of Mrs. Whiteaker's mother some four weeks ago it is stated she has been using stimulants. It developed that during the past four or five days prior to her death she bought twelve bottles of Jannetta ginger, in addition to some bottles of toilet water and it has been shown that these were used as a leverage for the sale of alcohol which she contained. It is the theory of her physicians that the excessive use of these potentia induced extreme headaches for the relief of which large doses of bromo seltzer were taken, the accumulation in the sedative causing death.

Mr. Whiteaker, who was in the county jail, was taken to the police for over two hours last night and when the examination had been conducted it was stated that Whiteaker's original story that his wife had taken an overdose of sedative was undoubtedly true.

A. G. Schulz, recently appointed as the horticultural commissioner of the county, who did accept the place after much pressure from the orchardists of this section, qualified for the office yesterday by filing his bond and receiving his credentials from the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Schulz stated today that he is actively engaged in work in the county placed in quarantine and he feels certain that Governor Gillett will sign the required order. Until some definite action is taken in this regard by the state authorities it is probable that Mr. Schulz will delay the appointment of his assistant.

Mr. Schulz will also work for more stringent regulations regarding the importation into this county of deciduous trees and vines, under the present regulations there being shipments from localities which to state it might be suspicious from the standpoint of pests.

Elaborate preparations have been made at the Congregational church for Christmas Sunday and there will be some of the most pretentious music which has ever been given in this city. For the past three months a choir of 100 voices has been doing hard work and today the statement was made that Christmas Sunday there will be presented practically the entire "Messiah."

In the marriage of Miss Lois Holloway and Ted S. Phillips, which took place at the Riverside on Sunday last evening, there is the culmination of a very pleasing romance. The bride and groom were born and girl sweethearts in Zanesville, Ohio, and when Mr. Phillips came West some years ago the two became estranged. A little more than a year ago, when Miss Holloway was returning to this city from the East the two met at Ash Forks, Arizona. The old acquaintance was renewed and but a few months ago, Mr. Phillips, who is a mail clerk, secured his transfer to a run out of this city to Coalinga. The ceremony last evening was performed in the newly decorated parlors of the Lincoln hotel, where Mr. and Mrs. Phillips are to live. Rev. Albert Bryant officiated, there being present but a few of the intimate friends of the bride and groom.

**SENSATION NOW ON IN COLLEGE CIRCLES**

Capt. Joy Miller of Michigan University Declared Ineligible.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 23.—Professor George W. Patterson, chairman of the board of control of athletics at the University of Michigan, which today declared ineligible for football, basketball and other sports, declared that the matter stands, any of the teams Michigan defeated now has the right of protest and may ask that the game be declared "no game" or its result reversed. We are expecting some such action.

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"To find the university is sick about the business. The board, in an effort to find some extenuating circumstance or elicit some explanation from Miller, has kept the matter quiet until today. Though Miller disregarded our requests for an interview, it is quite probable the faculty will have an interesting session should be come to Ann Arbor."

**MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 23.** It is not probable that Minnesota will protest the Michigan game on account of the Miller case. Friendly relations between Minnesota and Michigan doubtless will have much bearing upon any action Minnesota may take and it is not believed that the university will claim the championship of the West.

**SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 23.**—The declaration of the ineligibility of Miller created much interest here, but it was announced that Syracuse would take no steps to protest the game with Michigan.

**AUTO RUNS INTO VEGETABLE WAGON**

While motoring on Monterey street last evening about 10 o'clock R. H. Hays ran into a vegetable wagon driven by Leo Fong. The Chinaman was thrown from his seat to the ground and bruised up considerably, but was not seriously injured. His wagon was broken to pieces, and Hays agreed to pay the damages. The automobile was not hurt in the least.

**BURGLARY IS PECULIAR.**

Miss Rhoda Bryson, a stenographer and bookkeeper, employed by J. N. Bostick, the printer, reported to the police yesterday morning that a burglar entered her room about 11 o'clock Wednesday night, and after frightening her into silence, ransacked trunk, securing 19 in cash. Miss Bryson was not able to give the police a very accurate description of the burglar.

**KANSAS BANK ROBBED.**

MOHAWK, Kan., Dec. 23.—Robbers early today blew open the safe of the State Bank of Centerville, near here, and escaped with \$1500.

## GRAND JURY WANTS PAY FOR CITY WORK TO GO TO COUNTY

Says Money Due Should Be Deducted from the Tax Collections.

Such Payments Should Go Into Salary Fund and Not to Deputies.

One of the things that the "grand jury" will touch upon in its final report next month will be the question of county officials presenting claims to the city for the services of the extra clerical help needed in doing work for the city as in the collection of city taxes. The grand jury will suggest the remedy provided by law.

That remedy will do away with the annual squabble before the city trustees on these claims, presented under the law which permits a city to avail itself of the services of the tax collector, the auditor and others to serve for the municipality in their respective capacities. Collector Smith has a claim for \$300 pending before the trustees for tax collections this year.

This claim has been referred to City Attorney Kauke for an opinion as to the legality of the claim.

The grand jury has taken up the matter, and made inquiries concerning it of the supervisors, the city clerk's office and others interested. Its suggested remedy will be to insist that the statute be followed in requiring that county officials acting also as city officials in certain lines of duty, file a statement of the services rendered by the supervisors showing what has been the cost to the county office for the extra clerical labor to do the city's business. That the cost for such city work needed extra help shall be deducted from the tax collection settlement sum with the city and deposited in the county salary fund as the law requires.

According to the inquiries made by the grand jury, such statements have never been made to the supervisors, and the collections from the city have gone to recompense the county deputies, who have done the city work.

If the collected money from the city goes into the salary fund as the grand jury will insist under the law, it will be for general salary purposes of the county and the deputies will not be specifically recompensed above their fixed county salary pay.

The law as it stands now is said to affect only the offices of the tax collector and auditor. An attempt was made to amend it at the last Legislature, but singular to state no cognizance was taken of the county assessor nor of the county treasurer, who officiate in the same capacity to make assessment valuations for or receive and disburse money of the city.

The practice was once for the city to pay these claims and take a bond indemnifying the city clerk in case of any action for the return of the paid out money into the treasury.

There has been, however, so much disputing over the legality of these claims that county officials have ceased presenting them, save as to the collector of taxes.

The question was taken up by the grand jury because the incorporated towns in the county can also lay claim to the services of county officials, as they do in several instances, presenting the case of county deputy officials receiving regular county pay besides the extra pay for city work, which latter pay the grand jury contends the county should have the benefit of in the general salary fund.

Besides the \$300 claim against Fresno city, the tax collector has also one of \$100 against Selma. The assessor has never put in a claim for his city work, and the auditor and treasurer have not for several years. The grand jury takes the further stand that the extra deputies given by the county government act to the various county offices is all the more reason why the county salary fund should have the benefit of all pay for the extra services, and that the principals chose to accept public office with the knowledge that this extra clerical labor would devolve upon their offices.

It is not that the city does not expect to assume liability for the work done for it under the circumstances in tax figuring and collecting, in assessment and treasury work, but that under the system pursued and in vogue and under the peculiarities of the law with its chances since 1905 there is no legal way of buying such services, unless it goes into the salary fund as indicated and even then there is no provision for making recompense for the work of the assessor and treasurer, while there is for the auditor and tax collector.

**STEAMER IS SAFE.**

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The steamer Rostrevor, for which fears have been entertained, arrived at Holyhead, Wales, this morning.

## Willie Says!

This North Poling business is not what it is cracked up to be. The very idea of a man leaving his wife and children to pass two years in the ice fields, with cold feet, in order to find something of no value to humanity, and then have some smart professors with long robes, sitting behind a warm stove tell him that he did not prove that he reached the Pole, or in simpler words, that he is a fraud. To all future explorers I would advise that they take a special course in a university and learn first whether the Pole is a male or female.

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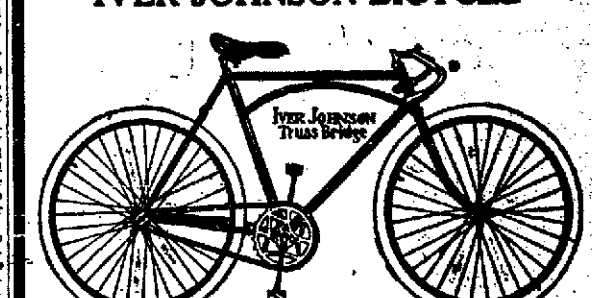
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**A GOOD RESOLUTION.**  
Beale—Yes, I've made one New Year's resolution.  
Jessie—And that is?  
Beale—Never again to kiss any of the boys unless he wants to kiss me or I want to kiss him.

**NEW YEAR'S CONSOLATION.**  
Wife—Here it is New Year's, and you haven't bought that winter hat for me yet.  
Husband—Yes, but think how much shorter waiting for your Easter bonnet will seem.

**WHEN THE BOSS IS OUT.**  
Lady—Little boy, isn't that your father calling you?  
Kid—Yes.  
Lady—Why don't you answer him?  
Kid—Don't have to. Mom's away.

**ANOTHER REASON.**  
"Oh, paw!" said the fox after trying vainly to reach the grapes. "They'll only give me appendicitis anyway."

**NOT A RISING YOUNG MAN.**  
His "get up" was magnificent; No chapple could outdo him. Yet when he stayed till one she said There was no get up to him.

**THE BOWLING GIRL.**  
When Phyllis bowls, with graceful art, She makes assault upon my heart. The pins go down! With equal ease She brings her lovers to their knees.

## RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR

**AT THE NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION.**  
Maude—He said he wouldn't make love to a girl this year, and there he is breaking his good resolutions already.  
Mehitabel—Well, it's two minutes past 12, isn't it?

**LATER CALLERS.**  
"Are you going to receive callers at your house New Year's day?"  
"No, the bill collector don't get around until the 2d."

**HIS AMBITION.**  
Rounder—I wish I was like the moon.  
Barker—Why?  
Rounder—I could get full before reaching my last quarter.

**AN OLD GAME.**  
Tommy—Come on, Jennie, let's play Adam and Eve.  
Jennie—How do you play it?  
Tommy—You tempt me with an apple and I'll eat it.

**ILLUSTRATED SAYING.**  
"Outside the pale of civilization."

**NO PAIN TO HIM.**  
"Tooth extracted without pain."  
He announces, our custom to gain. And he does as he says by extracting the tooth. And studiously leaving the pain.

## Jokes That Leave No Sting

**TOO NATURAL.**  
George—I'm going to the masquerade ball as a clown.  
Evelyn—Really! Why don't you wear a disguise of some kind?

**DOWN ON THE FARM.**  
"Ya-as, Hiram popped the question to Sue last night. Hiram is six feet seven and Sue is six feet three."  
"That so? Was I reckon you'd call that a long engagement?"

**KIND OF CHOLLY.**  
"Why, Cholly, how do you do? We thought you were at college!"  
"Ya-as, so I was, but I came to spend Thanksgiving with the old folks. I want to give 'em something to be thankful for, doncherknow?"

**CAUTIOUS.**  
Dorothy—You seem to shrink whenever Mr. Rooter comes toward our part of the office.  
Marion—Yes; I'm afraid he is going to stop and talk about football.

**A FLYING GHOST.**  
"What was the matter with your 'Hamlet' company? Didn't the ghost walk?"  
"No; he ran—ran off with the receipts. That's why the rest of us walked."

**A BOMBARDMENT.**  
Manager—I thought you said that this was a war play.  
Playwright—The fighting will begin after the audience sees it.

## Helpful Tonic For the Pessimists

**HOW HE FELT.**  
The Hobo—I was starvin', lady, before I begun on this beautiful Thanksgiving meal.  
The Lady—And how do you feel now, poor man?  
The Hobo—I feel as if I'd like to be starvin' all over ag'in, lady.

**A SOUVENIR FIEND.**  
"Is she a souvenir fiend?"  
"Dreadful! The last dinner she attended she carried away the rook."

**NOT IMPRESSED.**  
Johnny—What do they have to eat up in heaven, ma?  
His Ma—Always milk and honey, my son.  
Johnny—And don't they even have turkey on Thanksgiving?

**A REMNANT.**  
"I hear that Swift, the fullback, was badly hurt in a scrimmage."  
"Yes; poor Swift will never be the man he was, but the doctors say they may be able to make him over into a fairly respectable quarterback."

**ASKED AND ANSWERED.**  
"Dinner," said he, "I hope is pie."  
His manner made her smart. She was not cross, but her reply Was "just a little tart."

**COMMON EXPRESSION.**  
"Gettin' down to business."

## Good For Mental Frostbites

**STUFFING THE TURKEY.**  
Mrs. Know—Mrs. V. thought she was going to save herself lots of trouble.  
Mrs. Quiz—What did she do?  
Mrs. Know—Bought a turkey two weeks before Thanksgiving and fed it with parsley and breadcrumbs.

**FULL OF MEANING.**  
"I don't think I shall ever take part in theatricals again. I always feel as though I were making a fool of myself."  
"Oh, everybody knows it would be impossible for you to do that."

**ACCOMMODATING.**  
Officer Heck—Why didn't you slow down when I yelled at you?  
The Autist—Too busy, old fellow—didn't have time, don't you know.  
Officer Heck—Want, I'm about to take ye before Justice Pickles, and I reckon he'll accommodate ye with about fifteen days of it.

**A DIPLOMAT.**  
The Lady—How dare you come to the front door?  
The Hobo—W'y, ma'am, I'm a man of taste and prefer to talk to the charming lady of the house instead of the merely mortal, ma'am.

**THAT WOULD ANSWER.**  
Mr. Peck—I want to get up very early tomorrow morning.  
Mrs. Peck—Shall I set the alarm?  
Mr. Peck—I don't believe it will be necessary. I think it will answer the purpose if you call me when you get up to go through my pockets.

**WHAT HE WANTED.**  
"Here's an elegant stop watch that I can let you have at a bargain."  
"I've got a stop watch now. What I want is a watch that doesn't stop."

## FROM THE END OF THE YEAR JOKE CROP

**A NIGHTMARE.**  
She—Don't you think my hat is a dream?  
He—Yes. But what did you eat the night before?

**A BELATED RESOLUTION.**  
"I heard that Jack swore off at the club last night."  
"Last night! Why, last night was New Year's eve."  
"Yes; just five minutes before 12 he got up and said, 'I hereby resolve not to take another drink this year.'"

**VERY COY.**  
Woman of the House—I'm afraid you don't love work.  
Ragtime—Deed, I do, mum, but I'm so bashful.

**NOT A BAD SCHEME.**  
"Made any resolutions dis year?"  
"Yes, sah; I's resolved not to eat eggs till dis price goes down. Maybe dey'd be mo' chickens if we all done dis same."

**WISE CHILD.**  
Papa—Bobbie, what do you want for your birthday present?  
Bobbie—Get me a bank mamma can't take nickels out of with a hairpin.

**ELECTED.**  
Millionaire—Well, count, what is it? You seem to have something important to say.  
Count—I have come to tell you that I have decided to select you for my father-in-law.



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# A Christmas Tale In the Homely and Unaffected Style Which Has Made Its Author a Welcome Guest In Many Homes

## THE ORDINARY HAPPENINGS OF A QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD MADE INTERESTING

### HARRIET ANN'S CHRISTMAS

BY MARY E. WILKINS FREEMAN

I WAS twelve years old three weeks before that Christmas, but I was small for my age and looked no more than ten. There were four of us. I was the eldest. Then there was a girl of ten, one of eight and a half and a boy of seven. In October we had moved to the house on the shore of Lonesome lake, which was very handsome indeed. It was a solitary little sheet of water on the top of a hill, almost a mountain. There were no neighbors nearer than a mile. Father had moved to this farm on Lonesome lake because his father had died that fall and the property had to be divided between him and his brother, Uncle William. Uncle William was not married, though he was older than father, and he and father and grandfather had always lived together and worked the home farm, sharing the profits.

After grandfather's death father and Uncle William had some difference. I never knew what it was about. One night after I had gone to bed I heard them talking loud, and the next morning father and Uncle William looked very sober at breakfast, and mother had been crying. That afternoon she told us that we were going to move because the property was to be divided and we were to have the farm on Lonesome lake, near Lebanon. Lebanon is a little village about ten miles from Wareville, where we were living then. Mother said she was sorry to go away because she had lived there so long and she was afraid she would be pretty lonesome in the new home, but she said we must make the best of it. Uncle William was the eldest son and had a right to the first choice of the property, and of course since he was a bachelor it would be very hard for him to go to live at Lonesome lake.

We children rather liked the idea of moving and began packing at once. Flory and Janey had their dolls and their wardrobes all packed within an hour. Flory was the sister next to me, and I thought her rather odd to play with dolls. I had given up dolls long before I was as old as she. Two weeks after grandfather died we were all moved and nearly settled in our new home. There had been no one living in the house for several years except when father and Uncle William went up there every year in haying time to cut and make hay. Everything seemed pretty damp and dismal at first, but when we got our furniture set up and the fires started it looked more cheerful. The house was large, with two front rooms looking on the lake, which was only about twenty feet distant. One of these rooms was our sitting room; the other was our parlor. Back of these rooms was a very large one, which was our kitchen and dining room. There were a dark bedroom in the middle of the house, a bedroom out of the kitchen, one where father and mother slept, out of the sitting room, and four chambers.

Thanksgiving came about a week after we had moved, and we had a rather forlorn day. We all missed grandfather and Uncle William. I am sure mother cried a little before we sat down to the table, and father looked sober.

When Thanksgiving was over we began to think about Christmas. Mother had promised us a Christmas tree. The year before we had all had the measles and been disappointed about going to the tree at the Sunday school, and mother had said, "Next year you shall have a tree of your own if nothing happens." Of course something had happened. Poor grandfather had died, and we had moved, and we wondered if that would put a stop to the tree. Mother looked a little troubled at first when we spoke of it. Then she said if we would not be disappointed if we did not have many presents and the tree did not have much on it except popcorn and apples she would see what she could do.

Then we children began to be full of little secretcies. Mysterious bits of wool and silk and colored paper and cardboard were scattered about the house, and we were always shutting doors and jumping and hiding things when a door was opened. Each of us was making something for father and mother, even Charles Henry. He was working a worsted motto, "God Bless Our Home." Then, of course, we were all making presents for one another.

It was a week and one day before Christmas. We had our presents almost done, and mother had promised to take two of us the very next day and go down to the village to do some shopping—we had been saving money all year for some boughten presents—when the news about Uncle William came. A man rode over from Wareville quite late at night and brought word that Uncle William was dangerously sick and father and mother must come at once if they wanted to see him alive. Mother said there was nothing for it but they must go. She said if they had not come away just as they had, with hard words between father and Uncle William, she would have let father go alone and stayed with us children; but, as it was, she felt that she must go too. She and father, though I can understand now that they felt anxious to try to console it from us, did not think there was any real danger in our staying alone. They reasoned that nobody except the people in the village would know we were alone and there was not probably one ill disposed person there—certainly not one who would do us harm. Then, too, it was winter, and we were off the main-traveled road, and tramps seemed very improbable. We had enough provisions in the house to last us for weeks, and there was a great stock of firewood in the shed. Luckily the barn was connected with the house, so I did not have to go out of doors to milk—it was fortunate that I knew how—and we had only one cow.

Mother stood up all that night and baked, and father split up kindling wood and got everything ready to leave. They started early next morning, repeating all their instructions over and over. We felt pretty lonesome when they had gone, I especially, not only because I was the eldest and felt a responsibility for the rest, but because father had given me a particular charge. I was the only one who knew that there was \$500, some money which father had from the sale of a wool lot in Wareville a month after we had moved and had kept in the house ever since, locked up in the secret drawer in the chest in the dark bedroom.

Father had been intending to drive over to Wilton, where there was a bank, and deposit the money, but had put it off from one week to another, and now Wilton was too far off his way for him to go there before going to see poor Uncle William.

Father called me into the parlor the morning they started, told me about the money and charged me to say nothing concerning it to the others. "It is always best when there is money to be taken care of to keep your own counsel," said father. He showed me the secret drawer in the chest in the dark bedroom, the existence of which I had never suspected before, though I was twelve years old, and he taught me how to open and shut it. If the house caught fire I was to get the children out first, then go straight to the secret drawer and save the money. If there had been no possibility of fire I doubt if father would have told me about the money at all, and I would have been saved a great deal of worry.

The money was on my mind constantly after father and mother were gone. I kept thinking, "Suppose anything should happen to that money while I have the charge of it." I knew what a serious matter it would be, because father had not much money and was saving this to buy cows in the spring, when he expected to open a milk route. I was all the time planning what I should do in case the house caught fire and in case the robbers came. The first night after father and mother went I did not sleep much, though the others did. We three girls slept in one room, with Charles in a little one out of it, and we were all locked in.

The next night I slept a little better and did not feel so much afraid, and the next day Samuel J. Wetherbed came, and we all felt perfectly safe after that. He came about 10 o'clock in the morning and knocked on the south door, and we all jumped. I don't suppose anybody had knocked on that door three times since we had lived there. It was such a lonesome place. We were scared and did not dare to go to the door, but when he knocked the second time I mustered up enough courage. I told Flory, who was as large as I and stronger, to take the carving knife, like it under her apron and stand behind me. Of course I thought at once of the money and that this might be a robber. Then I opened the door a crack and peeped out. The minute I saw the man who stood there I did not feel afraid at all, and Flory said after-



"I PEEKED IN, AND THERE WAS SAMUEL."

ward that she felt awful ashamed of the carving knife and afraid that he might see it and be hurt in his feelings. He stood there, smiling with such a pleasant smile. He did not look very old, not near as old as father, and he was quite well dressed. He was very good looking, and that, with his pleasant smile, won our hearts at once. He more than sailed—he fairly laughed in such a good natured way when he saw how we were all peeping, for the younger children were behind Flory, and I found afterward that Charley, who had great notions of being smart and brave, though he was so little, because he was a boy, had the poker, shaking it at the stranger. The man laughed and said in such a pleasant voice, pleasant to his smile even: "Now, don't you be scared, children. I am Samuel J. Wetherbed."

The man said that as if it settled everything, and we all felt that it did, though we had never heard of Samuel J. Wetherbed in our lives. We felt that we ought to know all about him, and Janey said that night that she was sure she had seen his name in the Missionary Herald and he must be a deacon who gave a great deal to missions.

Samuel J. Wetherbed went on to tell us more about himself, though I am sure we should have been satisfied with the name. "I have a married sister who lives in Wareville. She married a man of the name of Stackpole," said he, and we all nodded wisely at that and felt that it was an introduction. We knew Mr. Stackpole. He was the man to whom father had sold his woodland. "I want to greet my sister last week," said the man. "I haven't got any settled work. Yesterday my sister's husband saw your father, and he told him how he had left you all alone up here and felt sort of worried, and I thought as long as I was just loafing around and no use to anybody I might just as well come up here and look after you a little and stay till your folks get back and look out there didn't any wolves or robbers or anything get you." The man laughed again in such a pleasant, merry way when he said that, and then he went on to tell us that his sister's husband said Uncle William was better and the doctor thought he would get well, but he guessed father and mother would have to stay there for awhile. We asked the man in, and he made himself at home at once.

It seemed to me I had never seen a man so very kind as he was, and he was so quick to see things that needed to be done. He went out of his own accord and drew a pail of water, and he brought in wood for the sitting room fire. We children all agreed when we went upstairs to bed that night that there never was a man so good, except father. We had told him our plans for Christmas, and he was so much interested. He said of course we could have a tree; he would cut a fine tree and if Uncle William was not well enough for father and mother to leave him on Christmas day he would go to Wareville himself and stay with Uncle William, so they could come home. He said, too, that he could go down to the village on foot and if we would make out a list of the things we wanted he would go down and buy them for us. He went the very next day. We gave him all our money, and he brought back everything we wanted. We decided to make him some presents, too, and I began a little wash leather money bag, like the one I had made for father. Flory made a pen-wiper and Janey a worsted bookmark.

Samuel J. Wetherbed cut a beautiful tree for us, taking us all into the woods to pick it out. Then he set it up in the parlor so firmly that it did not shake. He rigged some sockets for candles and helped us string popcorn for decorations and make candy bags. He could sew as well as mother. Samuel J. Wetherbed was the most industrious man I ever saw. He was not idle a minute. He milked and did all the barn chores, he made the fires and drew water and swept the floors and washed the milk pails for me, and all his spare time he was at work upon our Christmas preparations as busily as we were. He found some boards and tools of father's and made some wonderful things with them. There was a nice box, which he showed us how to line with flannel, for mother to keep knives and forks in, a little boat for Charles and a number of other things.

I felt much easier in my mind about the money after Samuel J. Wetherbed came.

We had given Samuel the bedroom out of the kitchen to sleep in. He said he would rather have that, because it was so handy for him to build the fire in the morning, and I did not have the first suspicion that anything was wrong until the night of the day but one before Christmas. I had been sleeping well since Samuel came, through feeling so safe, though I had, as I afterward remembered, often started awake, because I thought I heard a noise, but that night I did not go to sleep as soon as usual. I was very much excited thinking about Christmas and father and mother coming home. Samuel had gone down to the village that morning and got a letter for me from mother, in which she said that they were coming home Christmas morning since Uncle William was well enough to be left. We were all delighted, the more so because we thought that now Samuel could

stay and have our Christmas tree with us. He laughed and thanked us when we said so, but a moment afterward I noticed that he looked very sober, even sad. Well, thinking over everything made me very wide awake, and I guess it must have been as late as 11 o'clock when I was sure I heard somebody downstairs in the sitting room, which was directly under our room. I thought at once that it might be a robber and perhaps I ought to speak to Samuel in case he should not hear the noise. I waited till I heard the noise again very plain and was sure that I knew

I went to the door. My heart was beating so hard it seemed to choke me. "What do you want?" I made out to say as softly as I could, so as not to wake the children.

"Come down here a minute," said Samuel, and I went down to the sitting room. "I want to ask you a question," said Samuel. He tried to smile, but he was very pale and looked as if he was as frightened as I was. I trembled so I could scarcely stand. I was so afraid he would ask me right out, "Where is the money?" But he did not.

"I only want to ask if your father left some money in the house when he went away," said he, looking away from me as if he were ashamed.

"Yes, he did," said I. I had to or tell a lie.

"Well," said Samuel in a queer, shaking voice, "I would like to borrow that money for a little while. I need some money right away, and as long as your father ain't using it..."

"I would rather you waited and asked father," I said. "I don't think father would like it if I lent his money."

"I will make it right with your father," said Samuel. "Did your father tell you where the money was?"

"Yes, he did," I answered. I had to or tell a lie. I trembled for the next question.

"Where did he tell you it was?" asked Samuel.

"In the chest in the dark bedroom," said I. That was the truth, and it did no harm.

"Whereabouts in the chest?"

"In the secret drawer."

"Oh! So there's a secret drawer? Did your father tell you how to open it?"

I said he did.

"Well, you just come in here and show me how to open it," said Samuel.

I went with Samuel into the dark bedroom and showed him how to open the drawer. I could see nothing else to do. I stood back while he opened it. I wondered if it would be wrong for me to cry out as if I were astonished when he discovered that the money was gone. Then all of a sudden I heard a sound that made my heart jump with joy. I heard sleighbells and then father's voice shouting to the horse, "Father has come," said I.

Samuel made one leap and was gone, rushing through the kitchen and out the back door.

I ran and unbolted the south door, and there were father and mother, come home sooner than I expected. When I saw their faces I just broke down and sobbed and sobbed and told them all about it in such queer snatches that they thought at first I was out of my mind. Father said afterward that he never heard such a jumble of popcorn balls and secret drawers and Samuels. When father fairly understood what had happened, he lighted the lantern and searched out in the barn and the sheds to be sure that Samuel was not lurking about the premises, but he did not find him. Father said that he knew the man; that he belonged to a good family, but had been sort of shiftless and unlucky.

When we were all settled down again for the night and I felt so safe and happy with father and mother at home I could not help feeling troubled about poor Samuel out in the storm. I hoped he would not die of cold and be found dead when the snow melted in the spring. There was quite a severe snowstorm. That was the reason why father and mother had reached home so late. They had been obliged to drive slowly on account of the gathering snow.

We were just sitting down to our Christmas dinner next day when we all stopped and listened. Then the sound came again, and we were sure that somebody was out in the storm calling faintly for help.

"It is the man!" said mother. "Do go quick as you can." Mother had been worrying about Samuel all day. She said she did not want him to perish, if he had tried to wrong us, and father had been all around the farm looking for him. He thought, however, that he had gone down to the village the night before.

We opened the door, and we could hear the calls for help quite plainly. Father pulled on his big boots and started out. The storm was very thick. Soon we could not see father, but we could hear his shouts and the faint cries in response, and then we saw father coming back half carrying Samuel J. Wetherbed.

Samuel was pretty well exhausted, besides being frightened and ashamed when he saw where he was, back in the house of the man he had tried to rob. He tried to stop on the threshold of the outer door, spent as he was. "I guess you—don't—know," he began, but father interrupted him. "Come along in!" cried father in a hearty way that he has. "You have been good to my children, and as long as you didn't do what you set out to there's no use talking about it."

Samuel was pretty well exhausted. He had spent the night in an old barn on the other side of the mountains and had been floundering about in circles all day, trying to find the road. However, he was able to eat some Christmas dinner with us, though he hesitated about that, as he had done about entering the door, and all of a sudden he dropped his knife and fork, bent his head down over his plate, and we saw that he was crying, though we tried to take no notice.

Samuel stayed with us that night and was present at the Christmas tree, though he seemed very sober and dashed his hand across his eyes a good many times when his name was called out and he got his little presents.

The next day the storm had stopped, and father put the horse in the sleigh and took Samuel down to Lebanon to take the train. We never saw him again after he had shaken hands with us all and thanked mother in a voice that trembled so that he could scarcely speak and father had driven him off in the sleigh.

That day we girls pulled the corn balls to pieces and found the bills inside, not sticky at all. The next day father took the money to the bank, though he said he didn't know but corn balls were safer, since robbers knew that money was in banks, but he didn't think they had any suspicion of its being in corn balls. We spent the next Christmas in our old home in Wareville, for father and Uncle William had made up and we had gone back there to live. We had a tree, and the day before Christmas a great box came by express with a handsome present for each of us. There was no name sent with them, but we always knew as well as we wanted to, and father and mother thought so, too, that they had come from Samuel J. Wetherbed, who, we had heard, had settled out west and was doing very well.

### THE SNOWSTORM.

(An Early and Almost Forgotten Poem by Ralph Waldo Emerson.)

Announced by all the trumpets of the sky,  
Arrives the snow and, driving o'er the fields,  
Seems nowhere to alight. The whited air  
Hides hills and woods, the river and the heaven  
And veils the farmhouses at the garden's end.  
The sled and traveler stopped, the courier's feet  
Delayed, all friends shut out, the housemates sit  
Around the radiant fireplace, enclosed  
In a tumultuous privacy of storm.  
Come see the north wind's masonry!  
Out of an unseen quarry, evermore  
Furnished with tile, the fierce artificer  
Curves his white bastions with projected roof  
Round every windward stake or tree or door.  
Speeding, the myriad handed, his wild work  
So fanciful, so savage, naught cares he  
For number or proportion. Mockingly  
On coop or kennel he hangs Arabian vestments.  
A swan-like form invests the hidden rooster.  
Fills up the farmer's lane from wall to wall,  
Mangles the farmer's signs, and at the gate  
A tapering turret overtops the work.  
And when his hours are numbered and the world  
Is all his own, rattling as he were not,  
Leaves, when the sun appears, astonished art  
To mimic in slow structures, stone by stone,  
Built in an age, the mad wind's night work,  
The frolic architecture of the snow.

**PURGED OF CONTEMPT**  
Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 23.—F. J. Dunn, former assistant city attorney of Omaha, tonight appeared in the Supreme Court, pleading guilty himself of contempt and was restored to all his rights as an attorney. Dunn nominated W. J. Bryan at the last Democratic national convention.

A marriage license was issued in Oakland Wednesday to A. Soderman, aged 31 years, of Oakland, and Maria T. Peterson, 22, of Fresno.

Miss Louis Mattingly has returned from the Dominican school at San Rafael, where she has been attending school to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Mattingly.

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